

# Solo Leveling

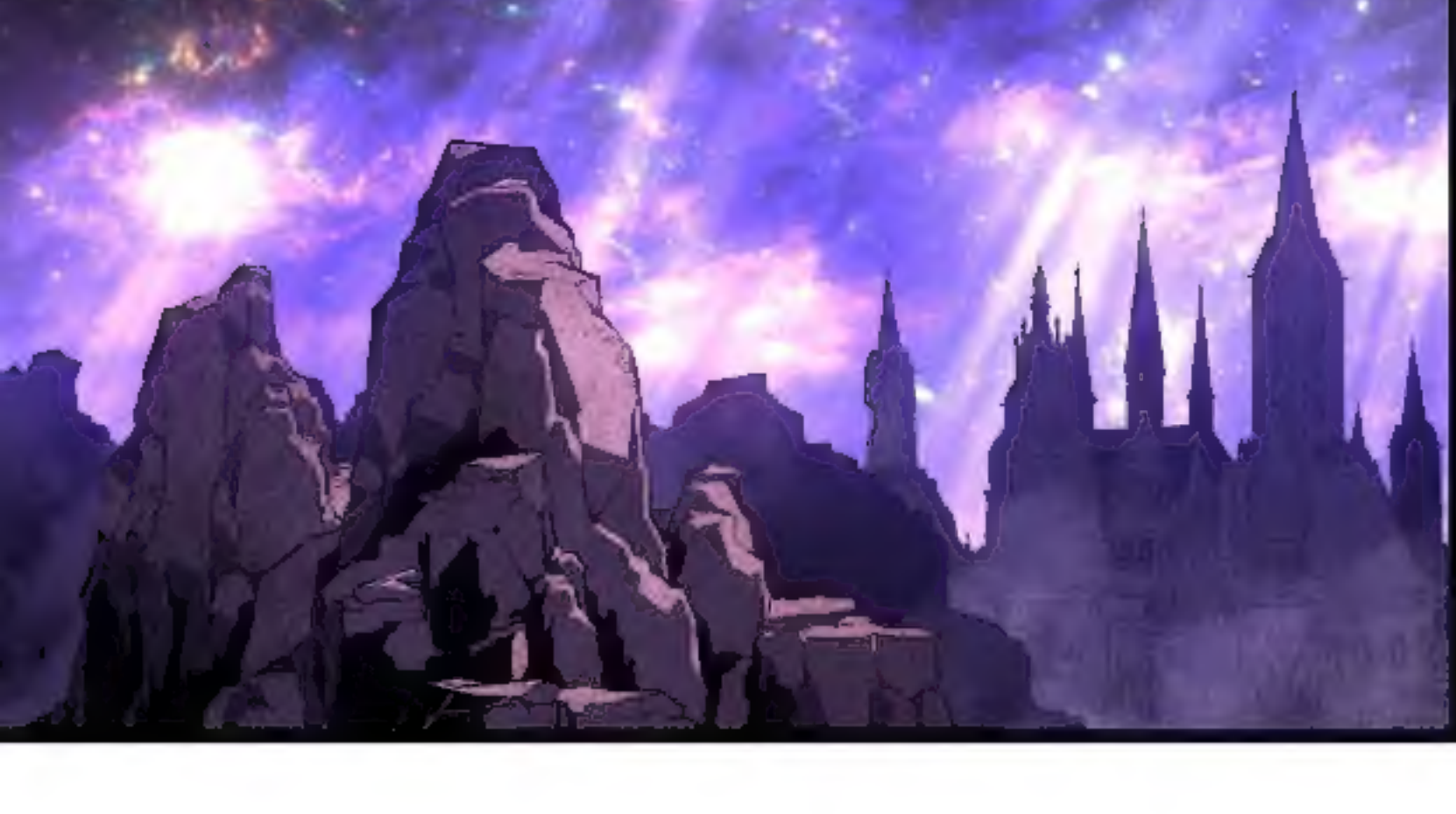
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THE WORLD OF  
ETERNAL SLUMBER







GREETINGS,  
LORD TUSK.



HELLO,  
GENERAL TUSK.





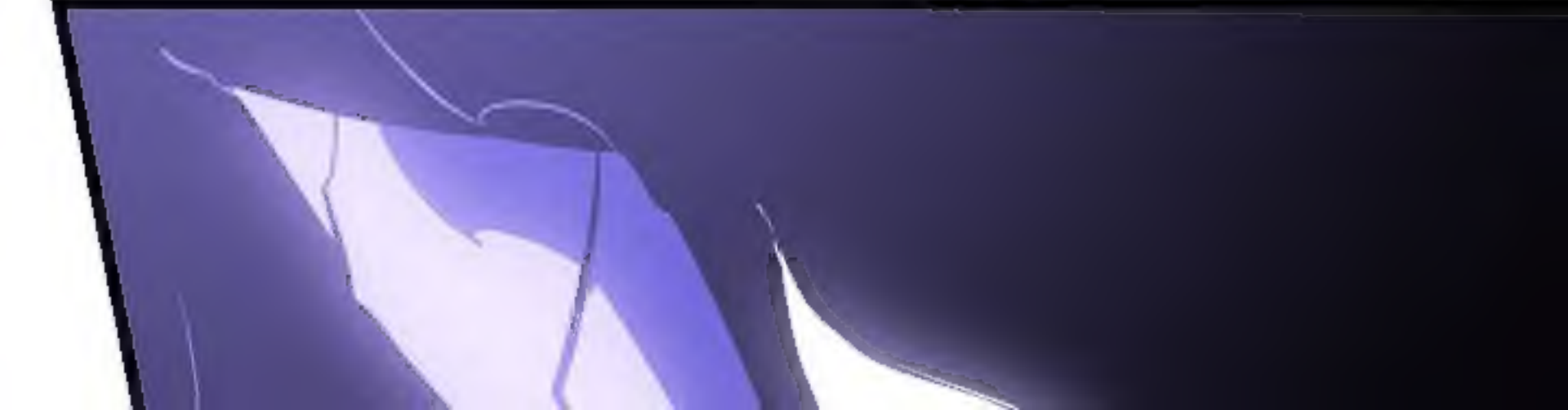


GOOD  
MORNING!

OR RATHER,  
THAT IS WHAT I WOULD  
LIKE TO SAY... BUT THERE IS  
NO NIGHT AND DAY IN THE  
WORLD OF SHADOWS.



KEHEHEHE.







HEHEHEHE.

I SEE IT HAS  
BEEN COMPLETED,  
MARSHAL BERU.



HAHAHAHAHA!  
SO, WHAT DO  
YOU THINK?



OH!

IT'S A ROBE  
THAT LOOKS JUST  
LIKE THE HOODED  
JACKET OUR KING  
WORE RECENTLY!!

HEHEHE! I DON'T  
KNOW HOW I'LL EVER  
REPAY YOU FOR THIS,  
MARSHAL...





KEHEHE.  
YOU WANTED TO  
BE MORE LIKE OUR KING.  
HOW COULD I TURN A BLIND  
EYE TO YOUR WISH?

IF YOU LIKE  
THE ROBE, THAT  
IS GOOD ENOUGH  
FOR ME.

I LOVE IT.

*Swoosh*



SO MUCH SO  
THAT I'M TEMPTED TO  
MAKE ALL THE SHADOW  
MAGES WEAR IT AS THEIR  
UNIFORM, MARSHAL.

HAHAHAHA... HMM?  
ABOUT THAT ORB...

WOULDN'T IT BE  
BETTER TO ATTACH IT  
TO A CANE SO YOU CAN  
CARRY IT AROUND WITH  
MORE EASE?





THAT IS AN  
EXCELLENT IDEA,  
MARSHAL! BEARDED  
DWARVES! I HEAR YOU  
ARE THE GREATEST  
CRAFTSMEN IN THIS  
WORLD. CAN I COUNT ON  
YOU TO MAKE MY CANE?!



OF COURSE.  
PLEASE LEAVE  
IT TO US.

WE WOULD BE HAPPY  
TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO WORK WITH THE HOLY  
MATERIALS BESTOWED  
UPON US BY OUR KING.



THIS IS THE WORLD OF  
*ETERNAL SLUMBER.*

IT IS A VAST AND ALMOST  
LIMITLESS SPACE THAT IS  
HOME TO NEARLY 10,000  
SOLDIERS WHO LIVE IN  
HARMONY WHILE HELPING  
EACH OTHER.



WE SOLDIERS ARE  
DEEPLY CONNECTED  
TO OUR KING'S MIND. AS  
OUR KING GROWS MORE  
POWERFUL, WE START TO  
RESEMBLE HIM MORE.

THOUGH WE ONLY  
WANTED AND LIVED FOR  
DESTRUCTION BEFORE, WE  
ARE SLOWLY BECOMING  
MORE LIKE HUMANS.





EXPERIENCING  
THE WIDE VARIETY  
OF EMOTIONS  
HUMANS FEEL...

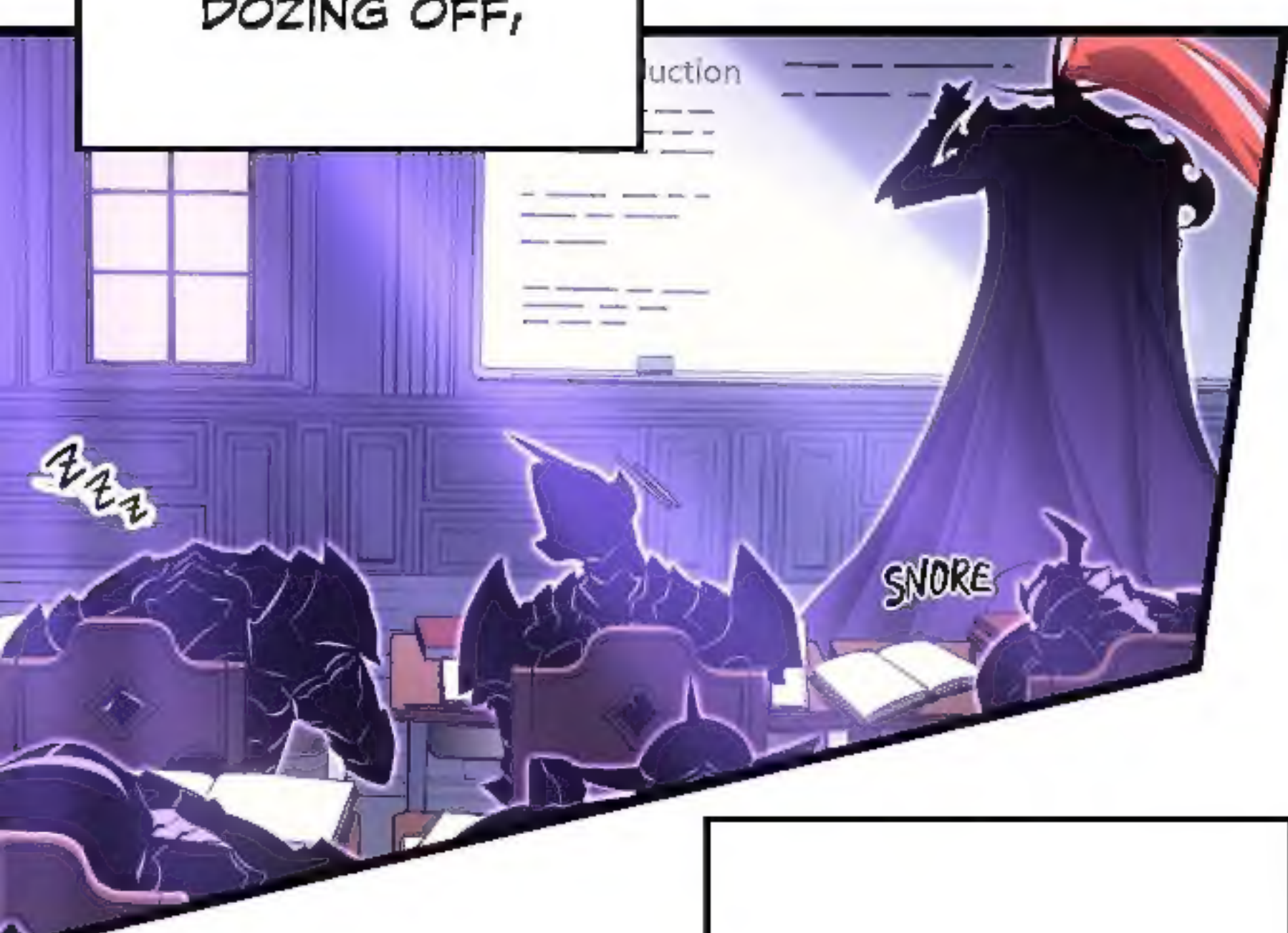
...IS QUITE REFRESHING  
FOR US, AS OUR HEARTS  
WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPTY.



STAND UP  
STRAIGHT,  
TITANS!



I SEE  
SOLDIERS  
DOZING OFF,



TRAINING,

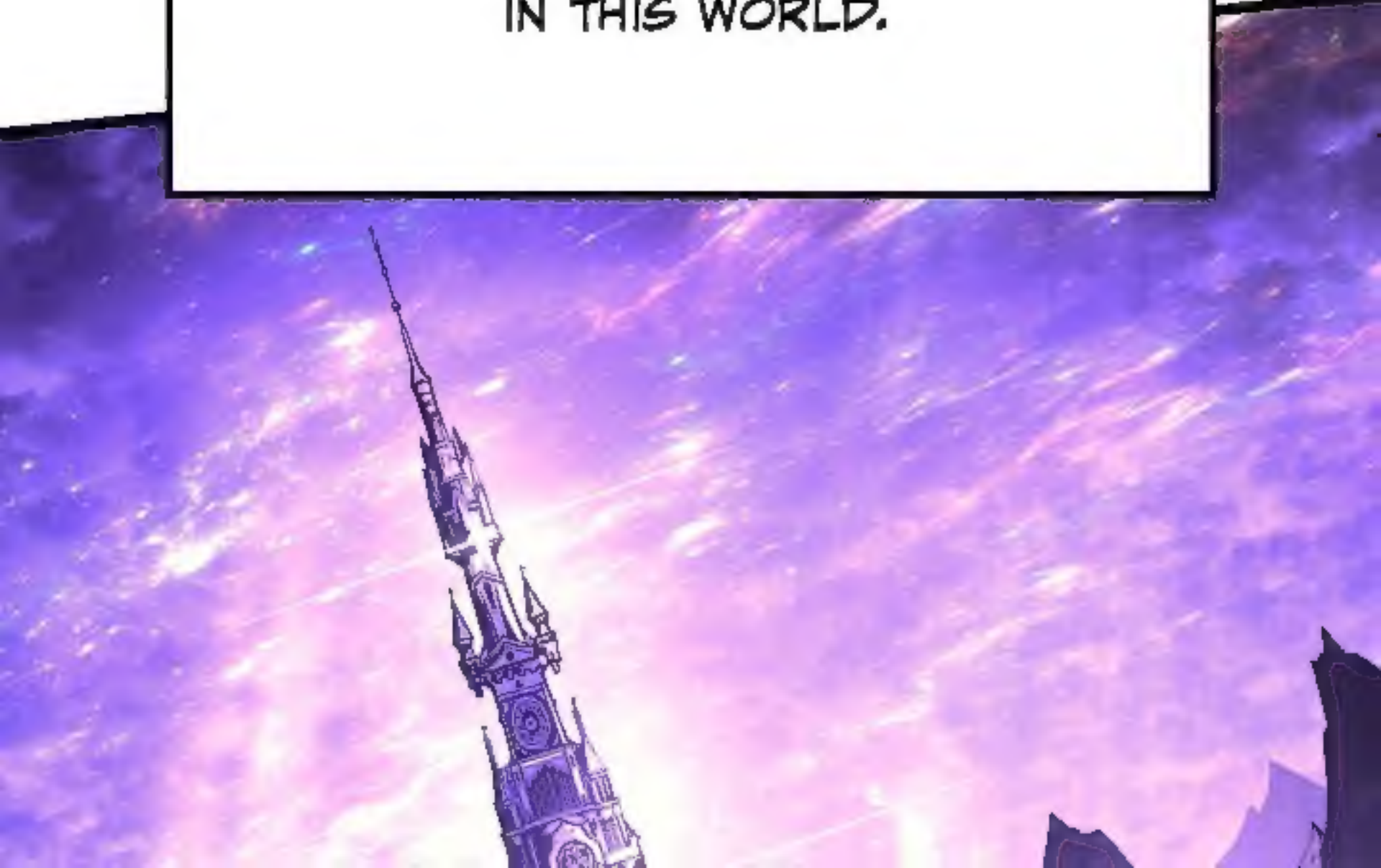


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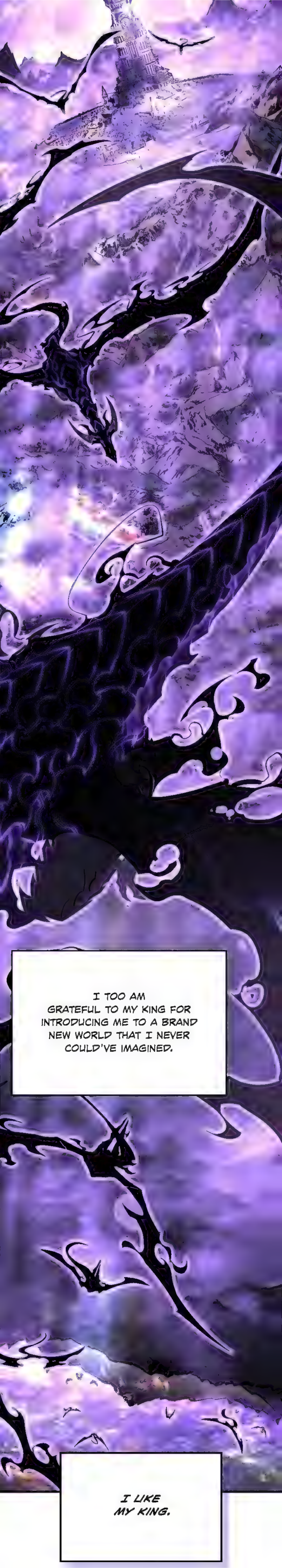


AND EVEN  
SHOUTING AND  
GRABBING EACH  
OTHER BY THE  
COLLAR.

ALL THE SOLDIERS  
ARE FORMING UNIQUE  
PERSONALITIES AND  
LEADING A VARIETY  
OF DIFFERENT LIVES  
IN THIS WORLD.







I TOO AM  
GRATEFUL TO MY KING FOR  
INTRODUCING ME TO A BRAND  
NEW WORLD THAT I NEVER  
COULD'VE IMAGINED.

*I LIKE  
MY KING.*



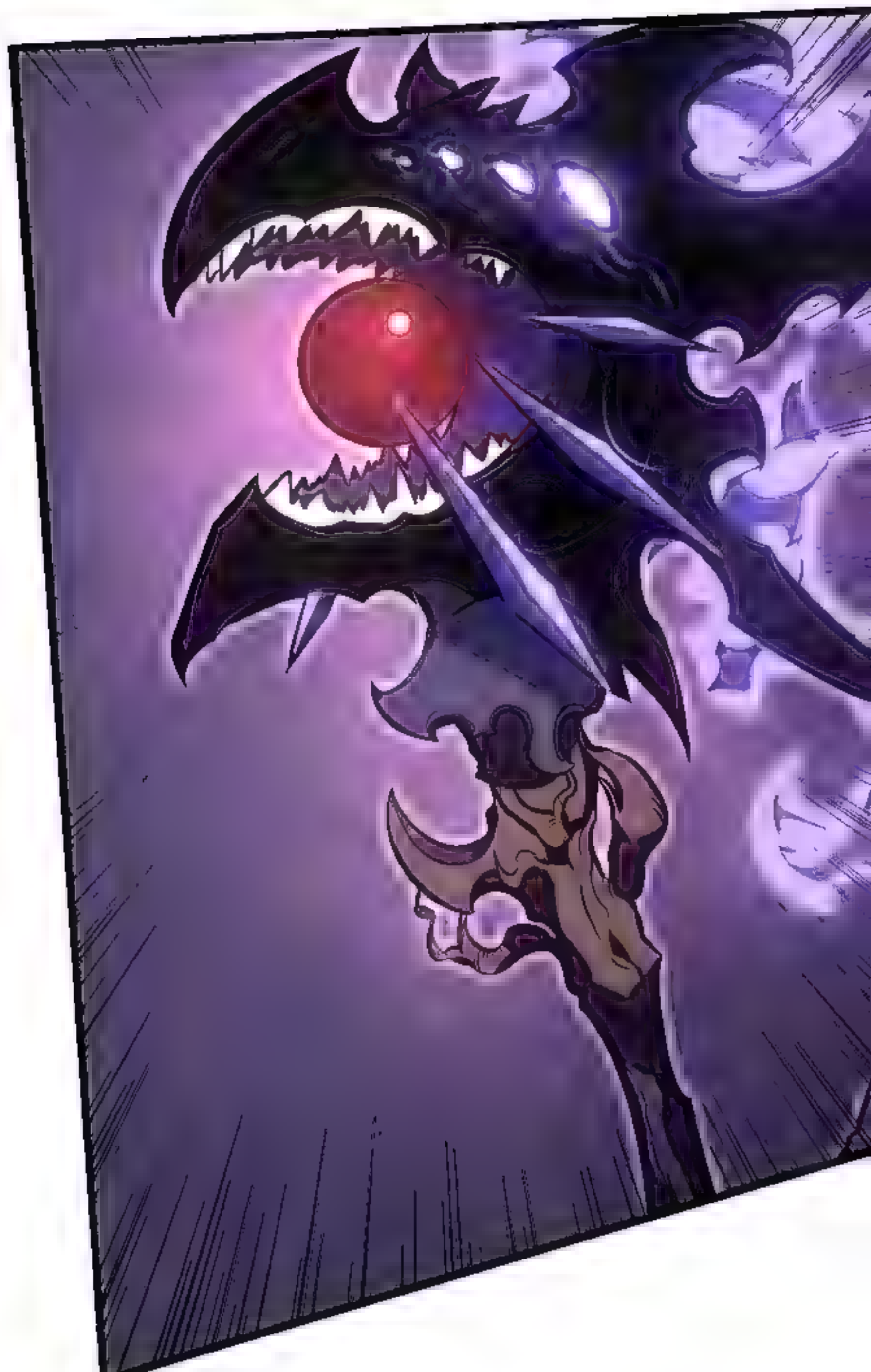




OH! HAVE  
YOU FINISHED  
CRAFTING IT AT  
LAST?!



HOW IMPRESSIVE!  
IT LOOKS  
MAGNIFICENT!



I BELIEVE YOU ARE  
THE ONE WHO LOOKS  
"MAGNIFICENT" IN YOUR  
ROBE, GENERAL.





HAHAHA!

YOU HAVE  
A GOOD EYE FOR  
FASHION!

YOU LOOK SO  
GALLANT, LORD  
TUSK!

HOW  
SPLENDID!



THUD



HMM? WHAT  
ARE YOU MAGES  
DOING HERE?

LORD BELLION SENT

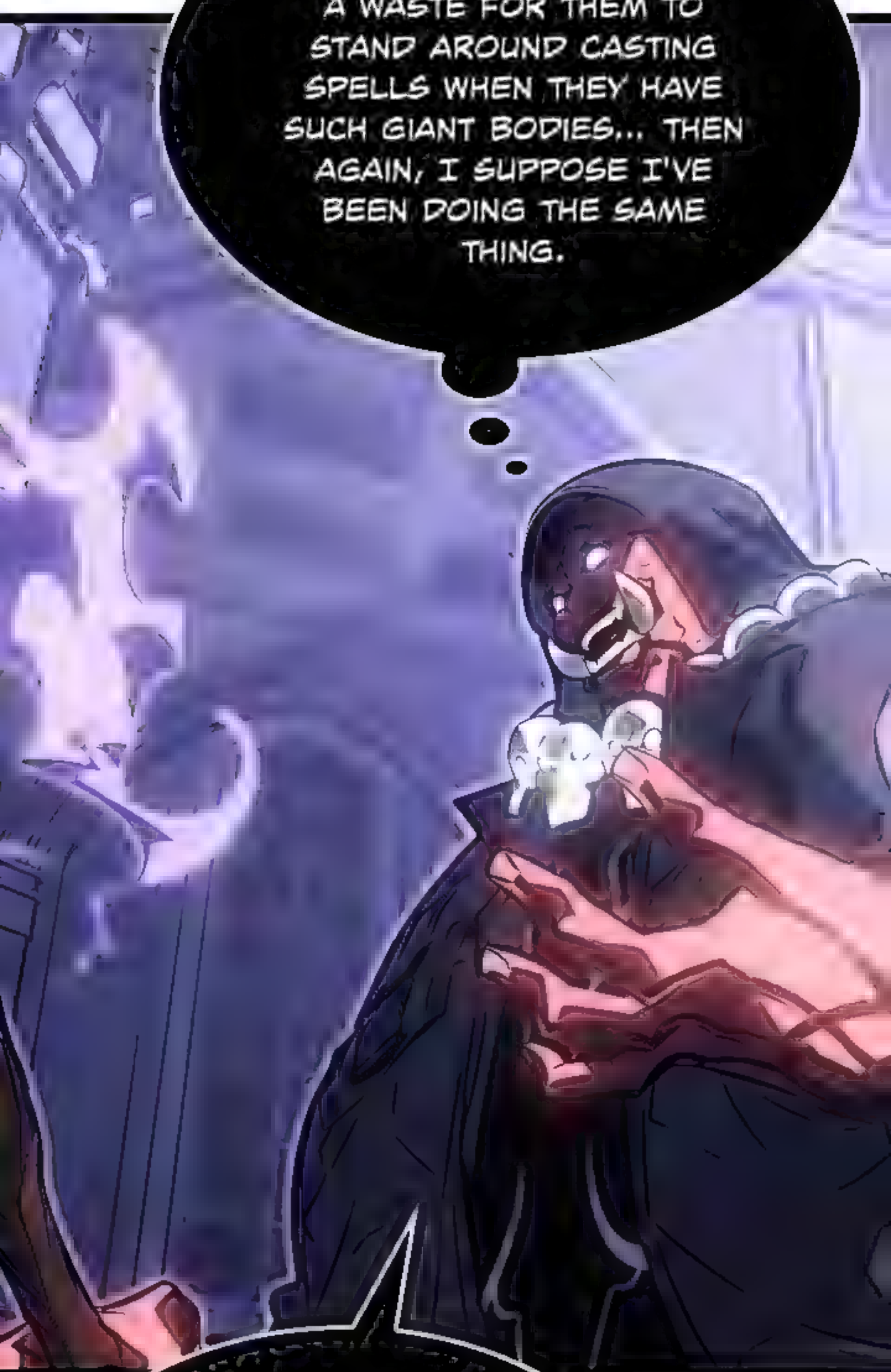




US TO THIS AREA.

SO THERE  
ARE MAGES  
AMONG THE NEW  
SOLDIERS AS  
WELL.

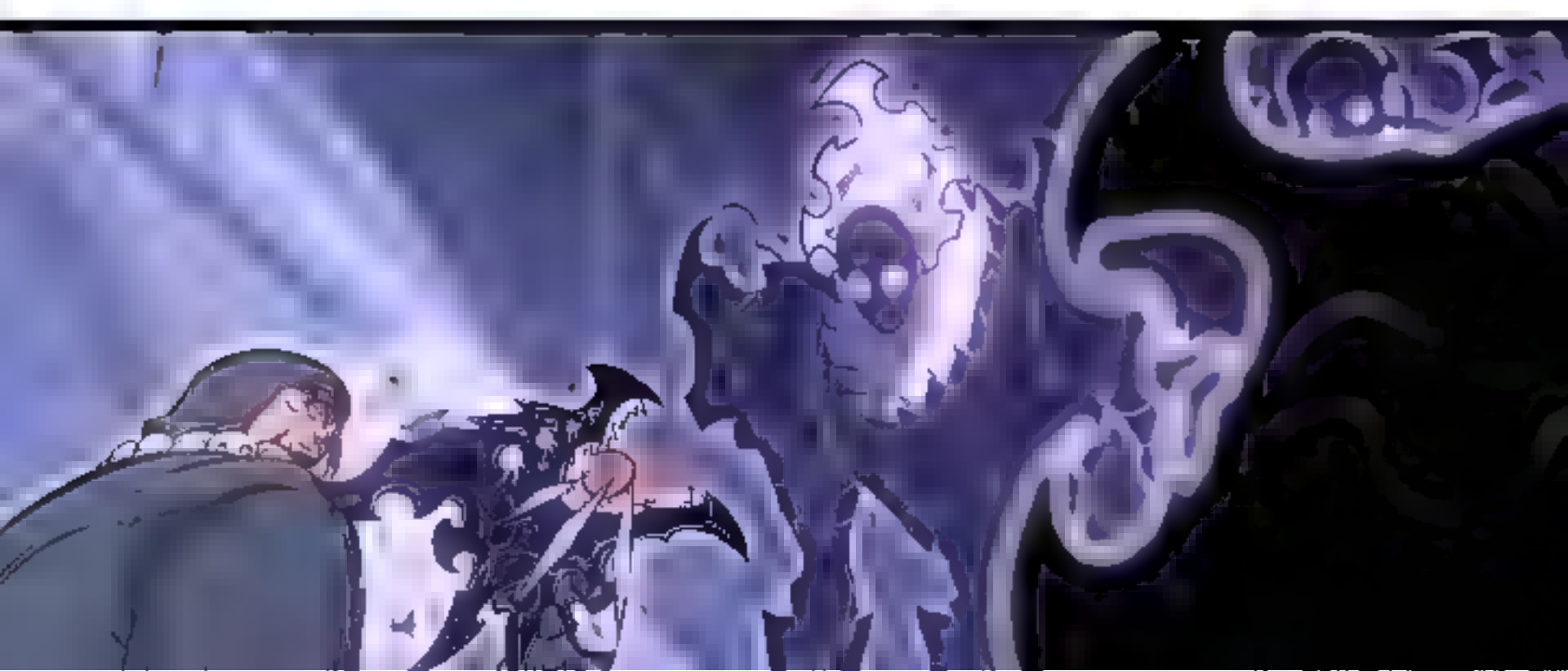
IT SEEMS LIKE  
A WASTE FOR THEM TO  
STAND AROUND CASTING  
SPELLS WHEN THEY HAVE  
SUCH GIANT BODIES... THEN  
AGAIN, I SUPPOSE I'VE  
BEEN DOING THE SAME  
THING.



VERY WELL. NOW,  
I SHALL DESCRIBE MY  
ROLE IN OUR GREAT  
MONARCH'S FIRST  
BATTLE AGAINST THE  
DRAGON KING...

...AND THE  
CONTRIBUTIONS I MADE  
IN THE DIMENSIONAL RIFT.  
SO LISTEN CLOSELY-

WHY ARE YOU  
LOITERING AROUND  
HERE, TUSK?







WHAT?!

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO  
TELL THE NEW SOLDIERS  
ABOUT MY GLORIOUS  
ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS  
DASHING ROBE THAT  
RESEMBLES OUR KING'S!

HOW DARE  
YOU CALL IT  
LOITERING A-

...I LOVE YOU,  
MARSHAL.

...?

I AM ALWAYS  
THANKFUL FOR  
YOUR LOYALTY.



ANYHOW...  
WHAT BRINGS YOU  
HERE TODAY?

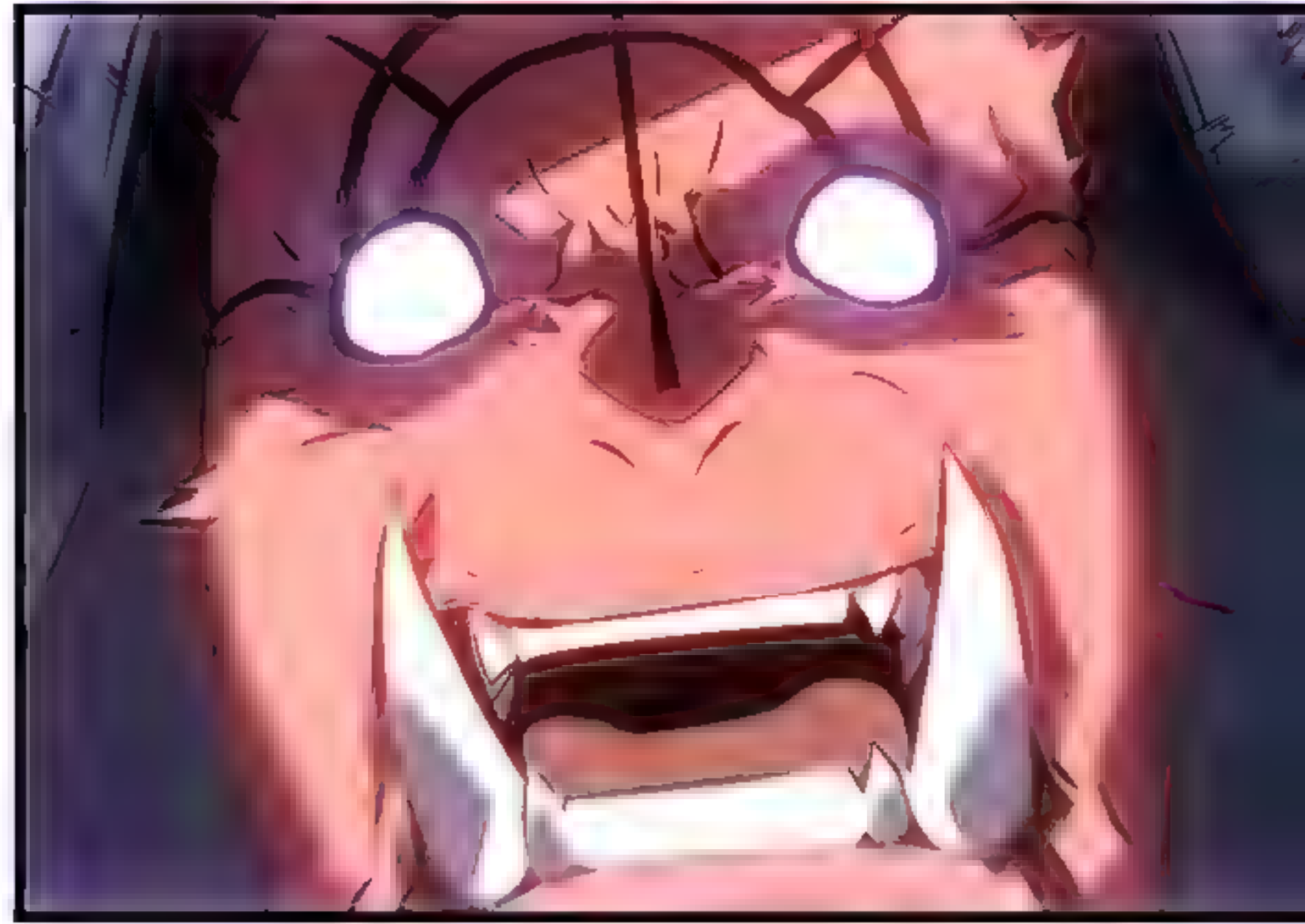
IT IS ALMOST  
TIME.

SHOULDN'T ALL THE  
SOLDIERS THAT ARE  
GENERALS AND HIGHER  
GATHER TOGETHER TO  
CHEER ON OUR KING?



OH!





DID OUR KING  
FINALLY REUNITE  
WITH LADY  
HAE-IN?!



YES.

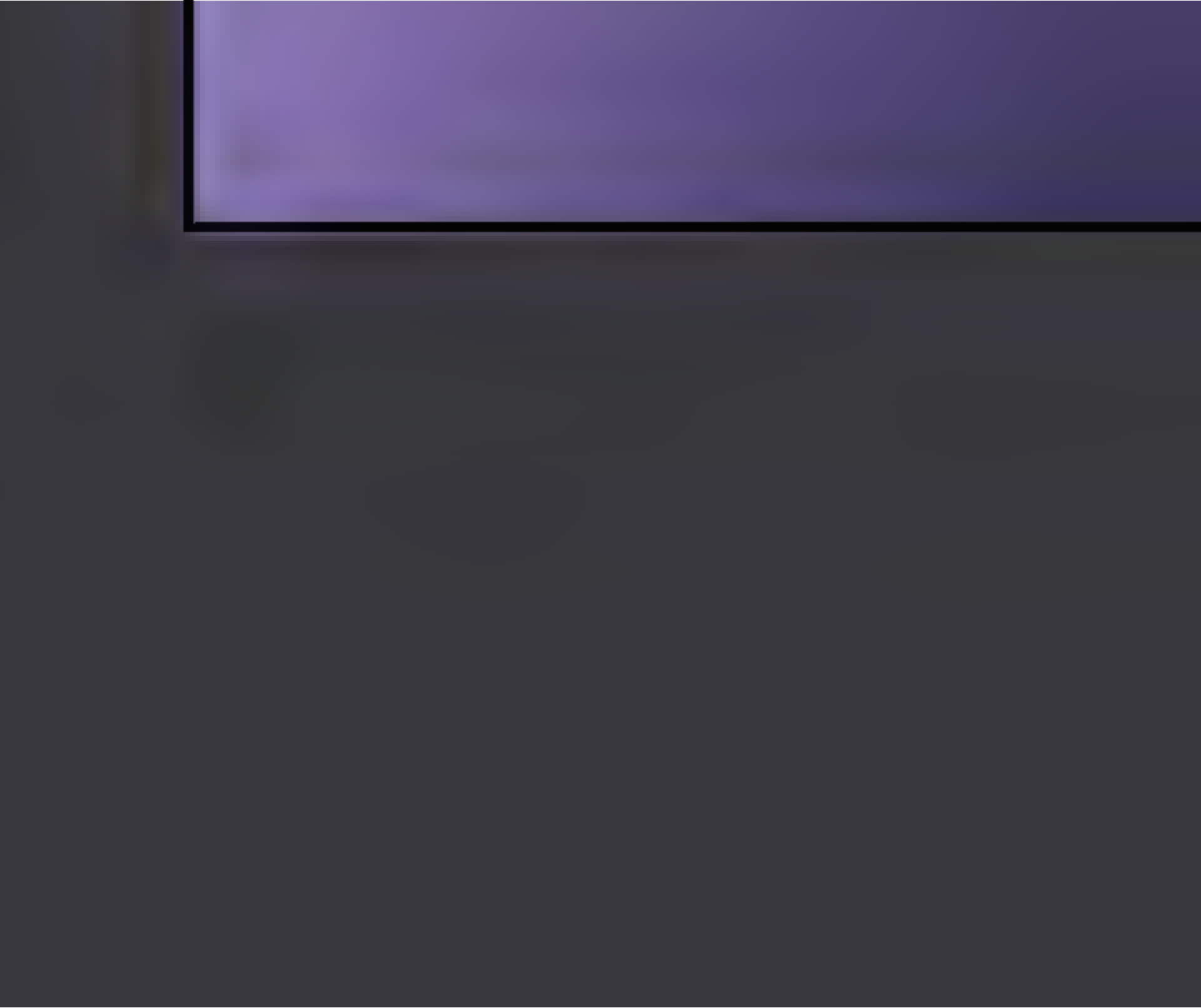
OH OH OH OH!





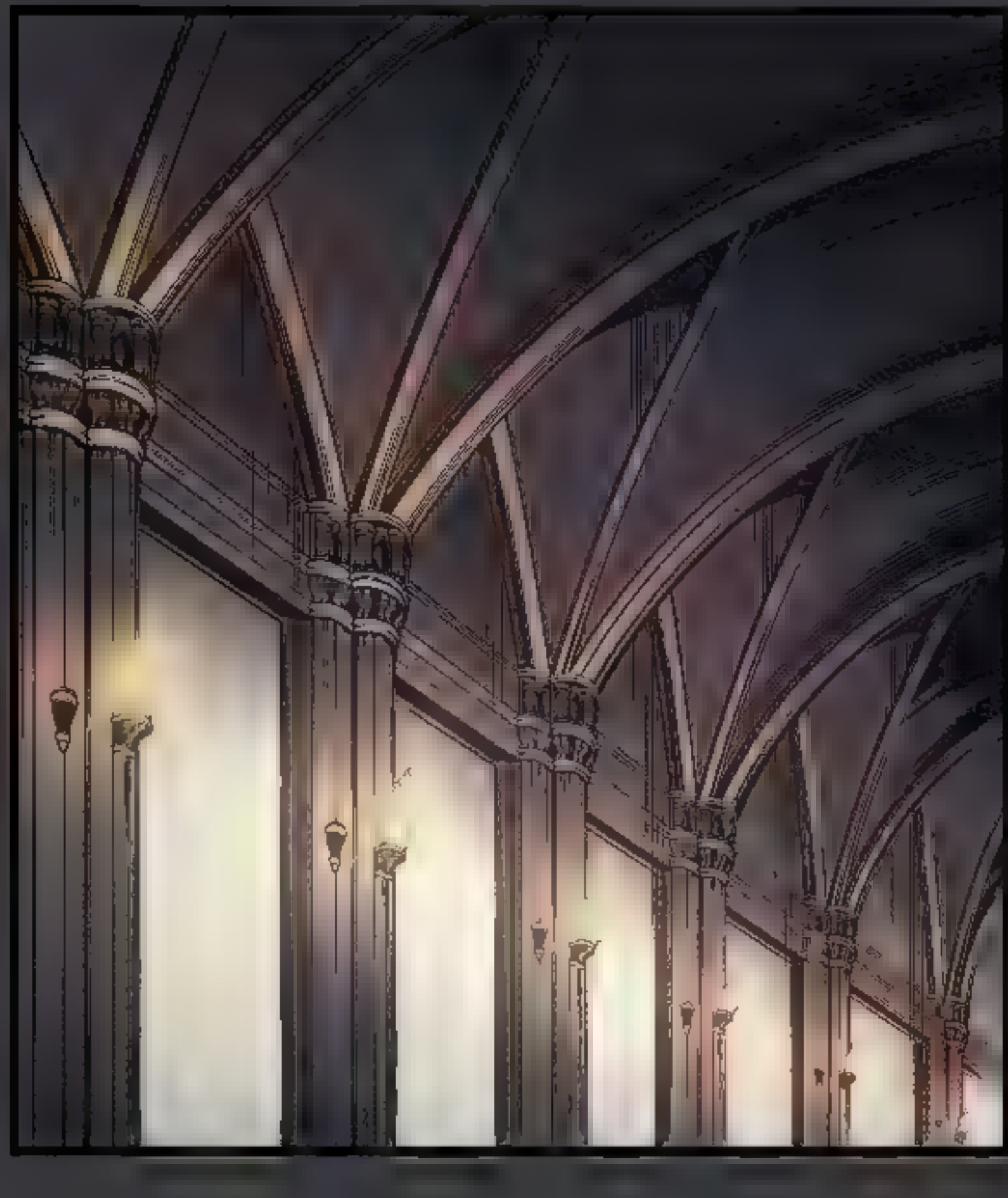








I FIRST MET MY CURRENT  
KING INSIDE THE SPACE MY  
PREVIOUS KING CREATED.





MY JOB WAS TO TEST  
THE HUMAN WHO ENTERED  
THAT PLACE.

MY PREVIOUS KING  
SAID HE WANTED TO FIND  
OUT WHETHER THIS HUMAN  
WAS WORTHY OF BEING  
HIS VESSEL.

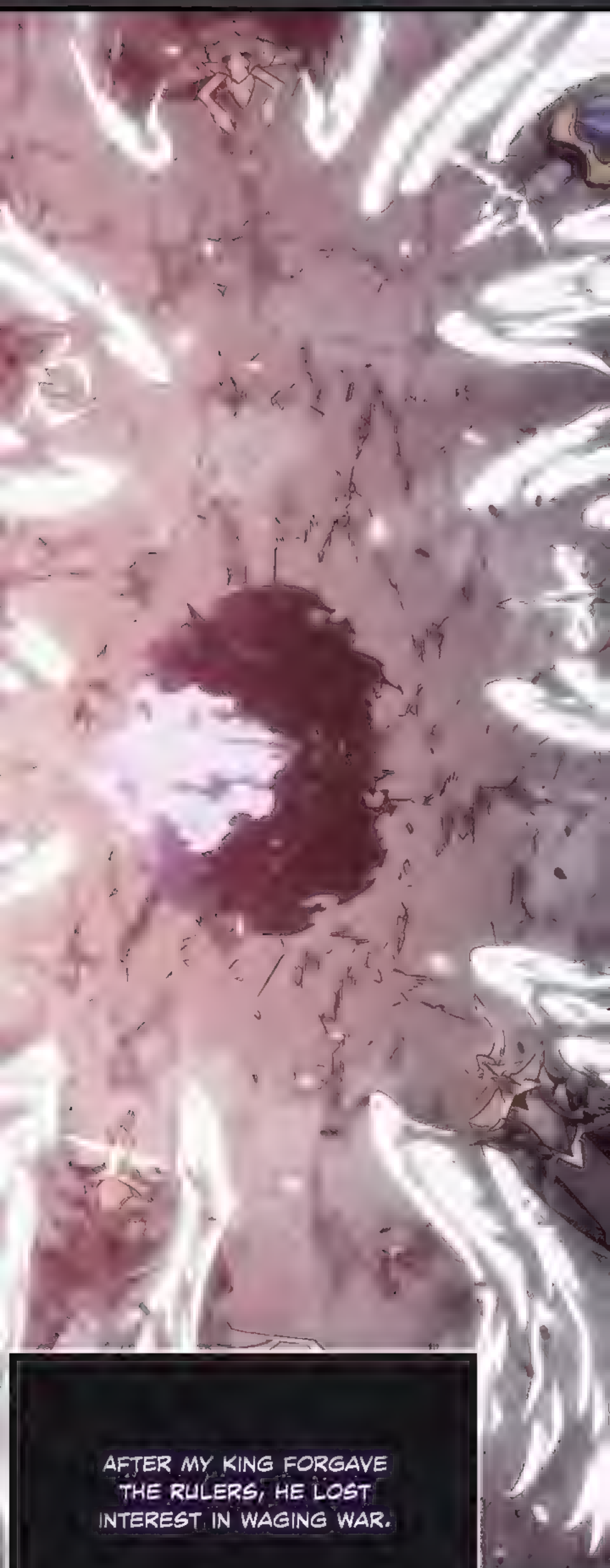
I KNEW THEN...

THAT THIS WAS



...THAT THIS WAS  
THE FINAL ORDER MY  
KING HAD FOR ME.

I COULD TELL THAT  
I WOULD HAVE TO  
BID HIM FAREWELL.



AFTER MY KING FORGAVE  
THE RULERS, HE LOST  
INTEREST IN WAGING WAR.

SO WHEN HE  
SUDDENLY SHOWED  
INTEREST IN A MERE  
HUMAN, I WAS SURE HE  
HAD A GOOD REASON  
FOR IT.

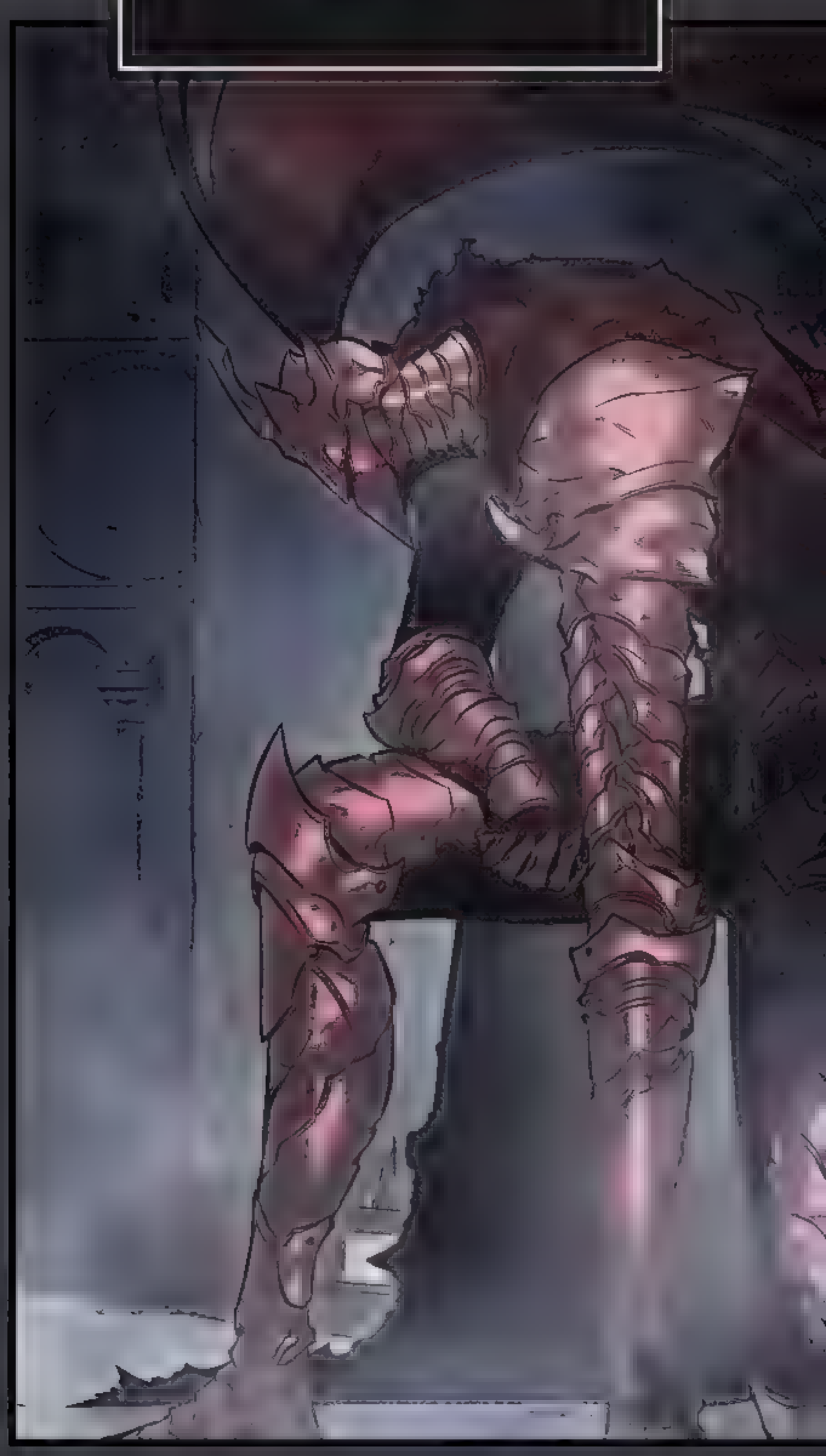


MY KING'S  
COMMANDS WERE  
ABSOLUTE.



I DID NOT QUESTION  
HIS INTENTIONS OR  
PROTEST HIS DECISIONS.  
ALL I COULD DO...

...WAS AGREE  
TO CARRY OUT HIS  
ORDERS.





WITH MOST OF  
MY POWER SEALED  
AWAY,

I STOOD ALONE IN  
THE SPACE WHERE  
I WAS TO TEST THE  
HUMAN'S ABILITIES.

DO THE PEOPLE  
OF THIS WORLD  
CALL THESE SPACES  
"DUNGEONS"?


THIS...  
IS HOW I USED TO  
LOOK BEFORE I MET  
MY KING.

I KNOW THE WORLD  
OF ETERNAL SLUMBER HOLDS  
LIMITLESS POWER, BUT I STILL  
CAN'T BELIEVE THE SITUATION  
WAS RECREATED PERFECTLY,  
EVEN DOWN TO THE SENSATIONS  
I FELT BACK THEN.






I'M IMPRESSED  
THAT THE ARCHITECT...  
USED MY KING'S POWER  
TO CREATE SUCH AN  
ACCURATE STAGE.



THIS LEVEL OF  
METICULOUSNESS MUST  
BE SHAPING THAT  
HUMAN'S BODY INTO A  
VESSEL THAT CAN HOLD  
MY KING'S POWER.



STEP

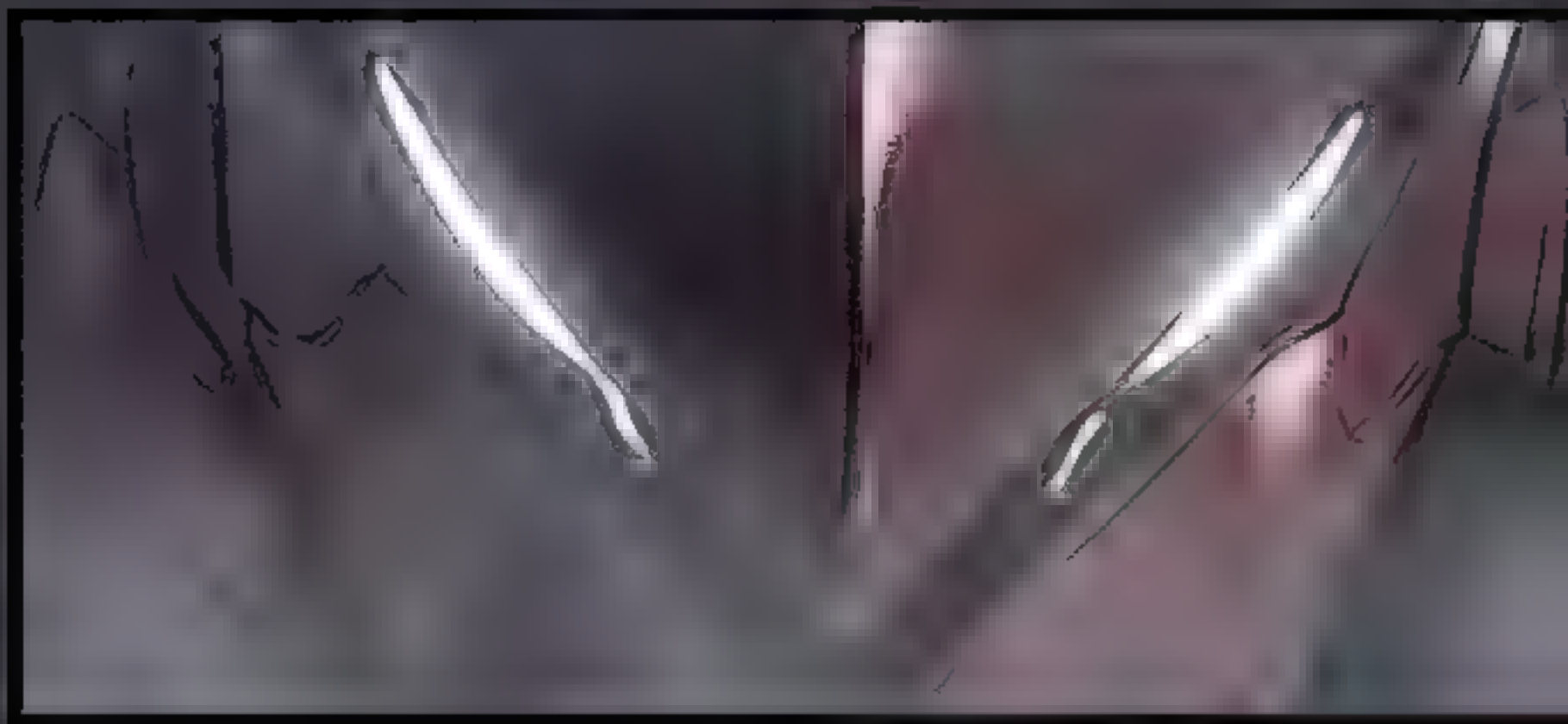


IS HE ALREADY  
HERE?

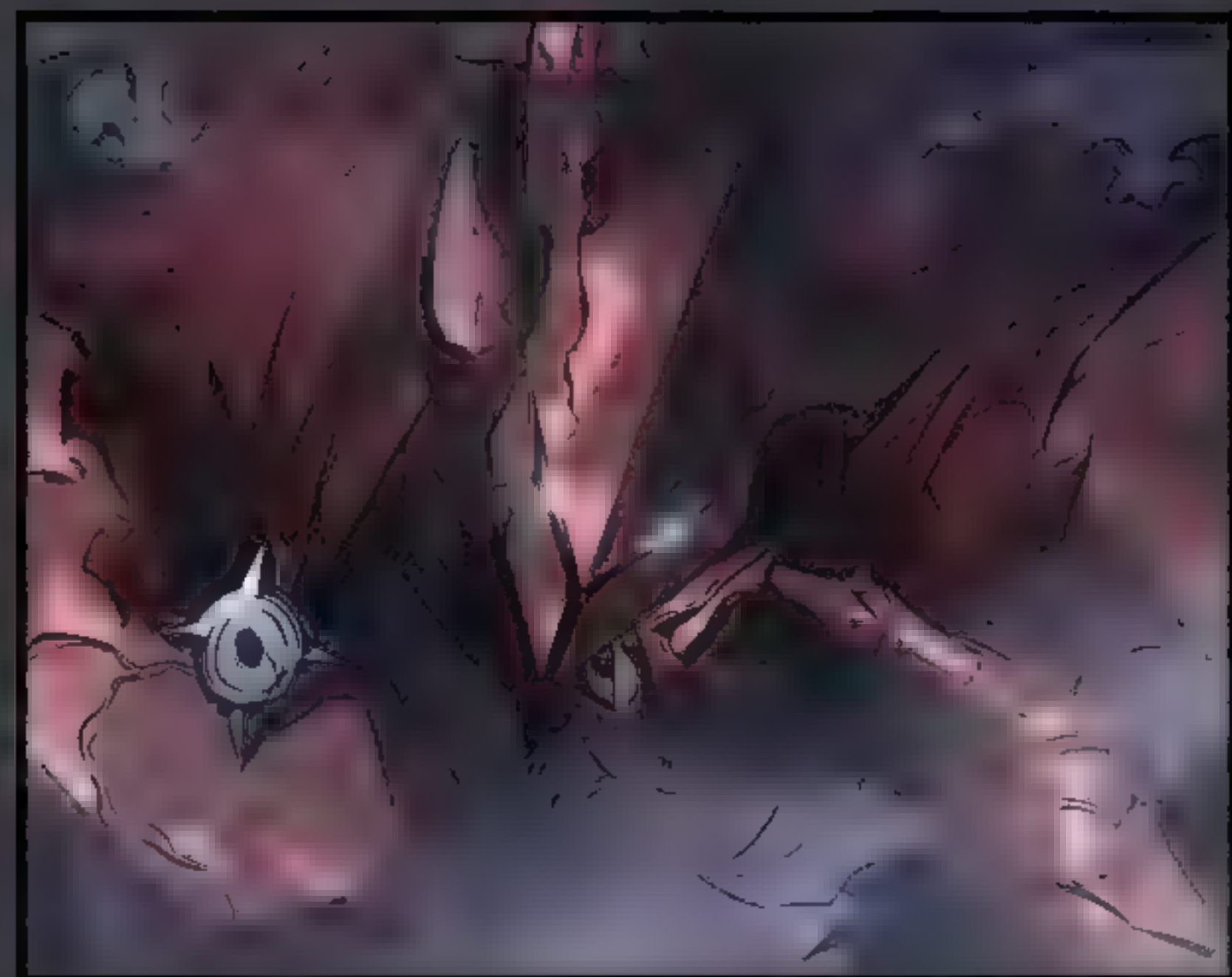
PAT

I CAN SENSE HIS  
PRESENCE BEHIND  
THAT DOOR.





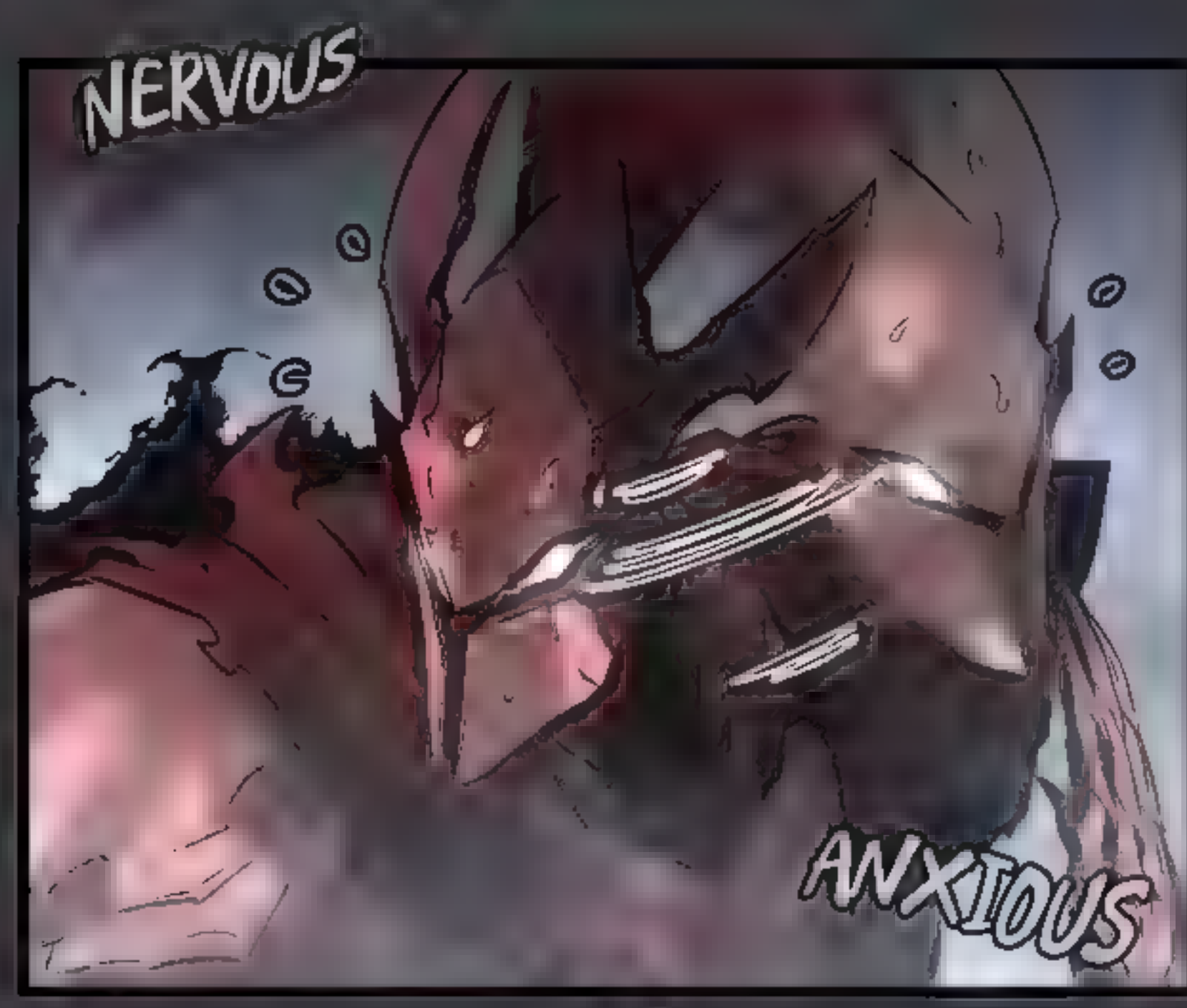








MAYBE I'M  
ACTING A BIT TOO  
ARROGANT....!!



WON'T I SEEM  
DISRESPECTFUL?!

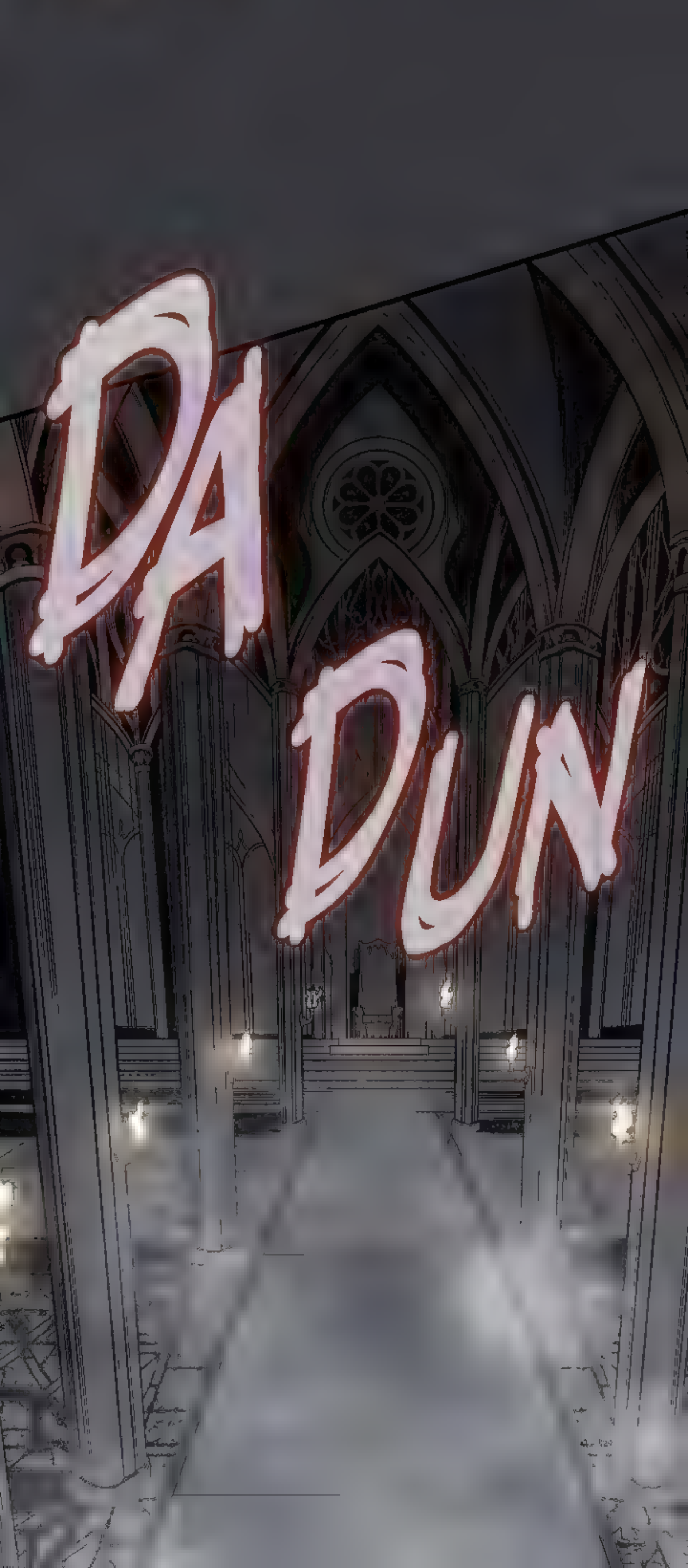
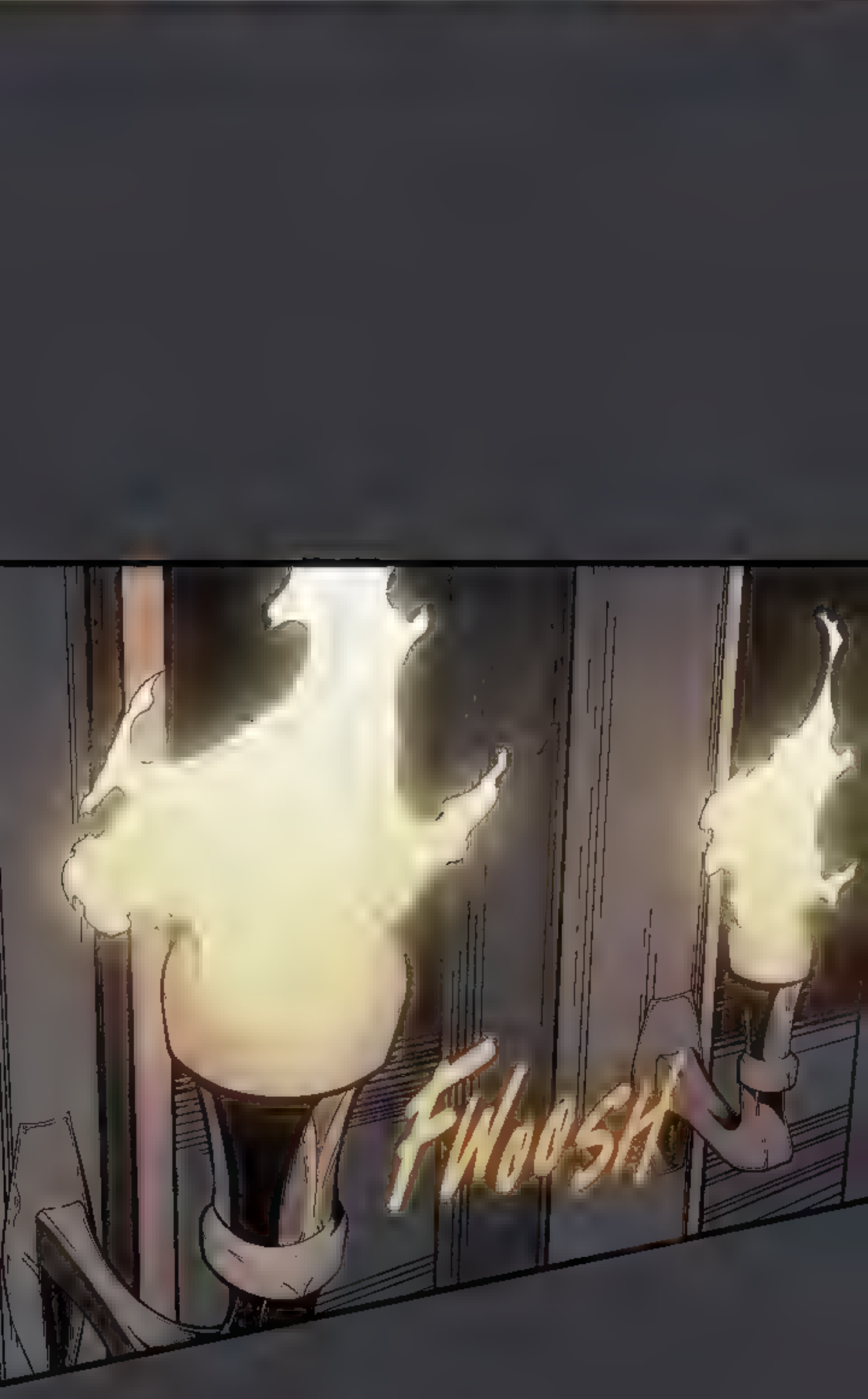
THE HUMAN  
I'M ABOUT TO TEST  
HOLDS MY KING'S  
CONSCIOUSNESS.

IT SEEMS  
INAPPROPRIATE TO  
SIT ON A THRONE  
BEFORE MY KING...

GLANCE

GLANCE





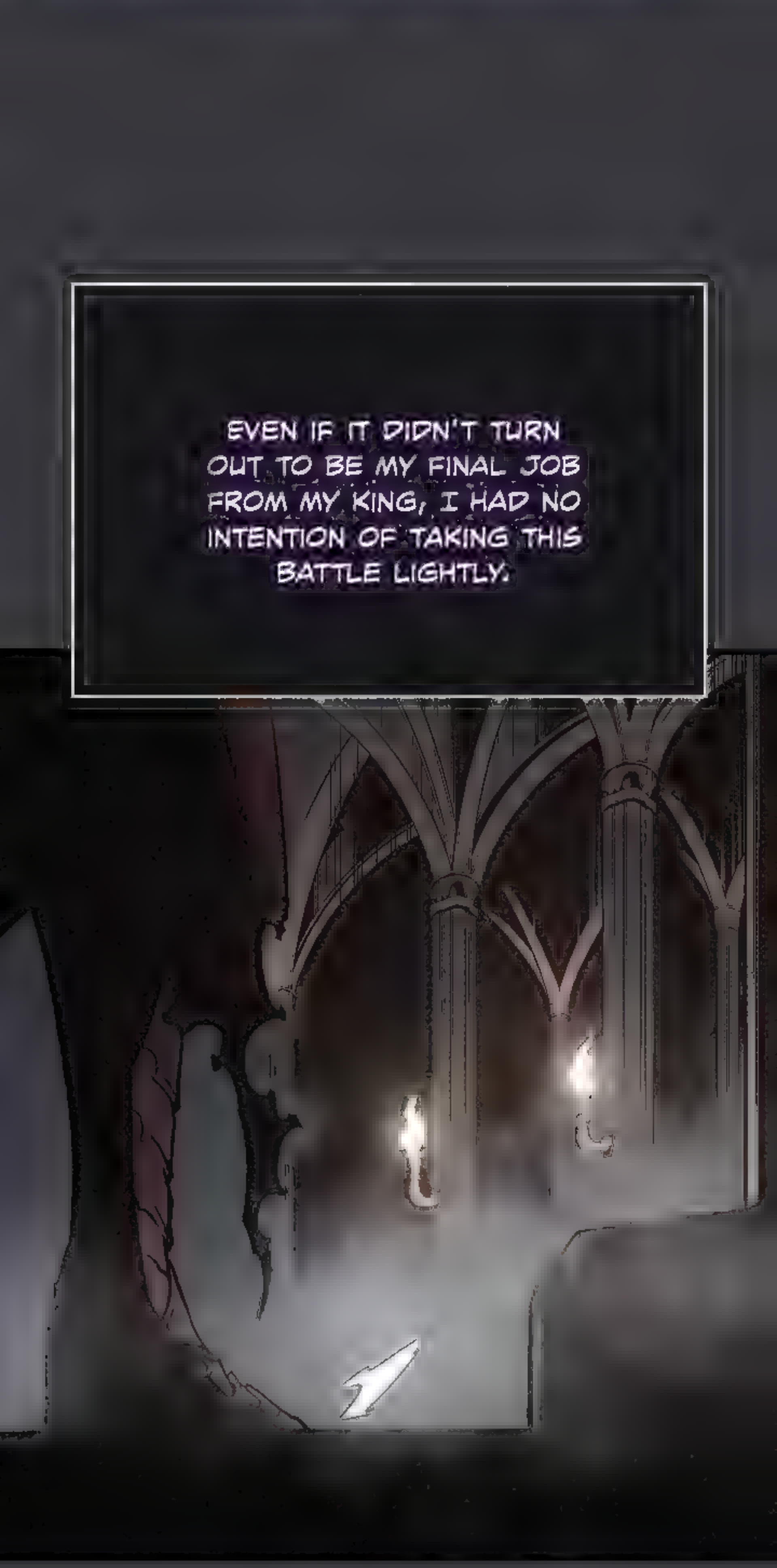




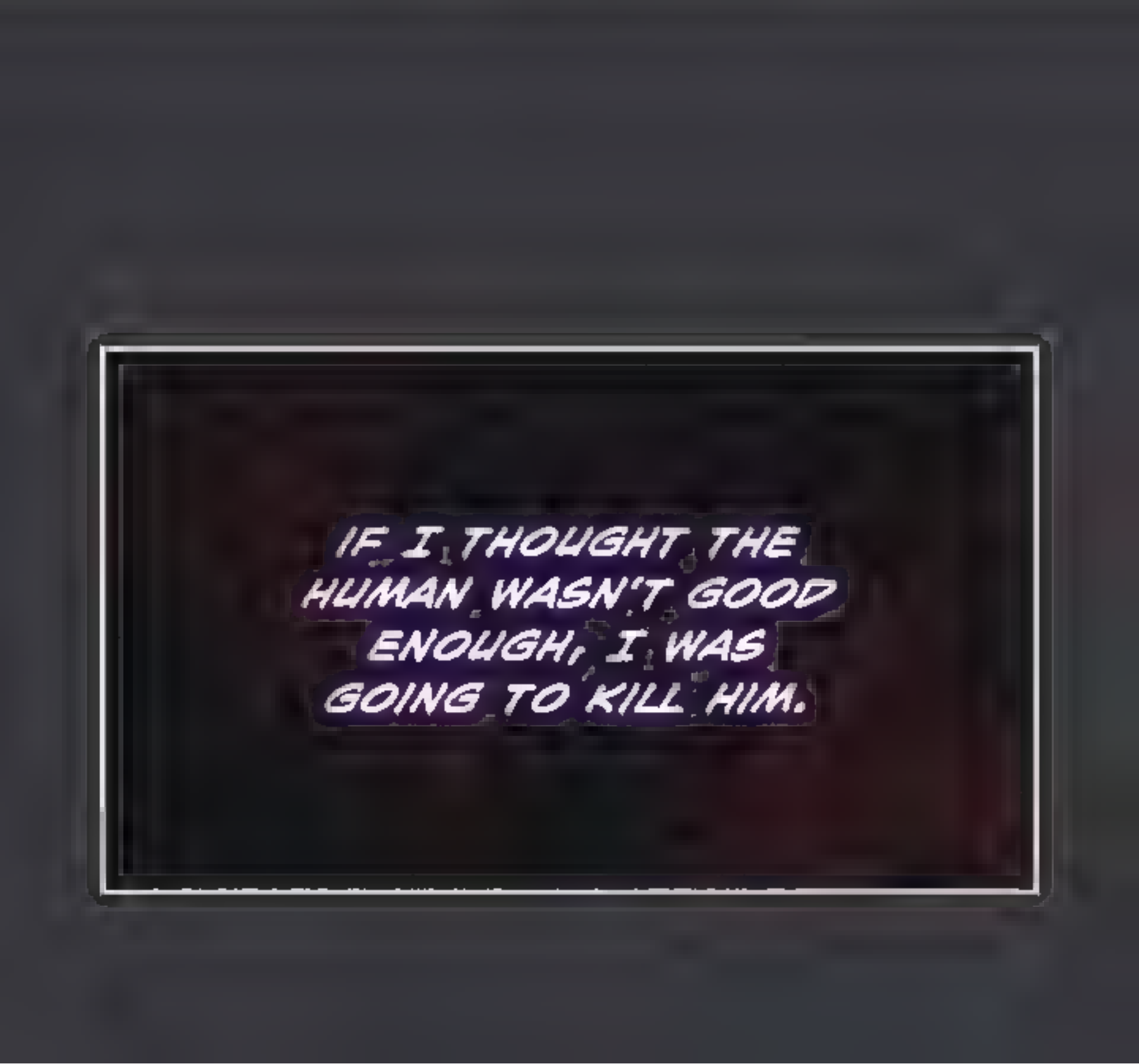




IS HE THE ONE MY  
KING CHOSE?



EVEN IF IT DIDN'T TURN  
OUT TO BE MY FINAL JOB  
FROM MY KING, I HAD NO  
INTENTION OF TAKING THIS  
BATTLE LIGHTLY.



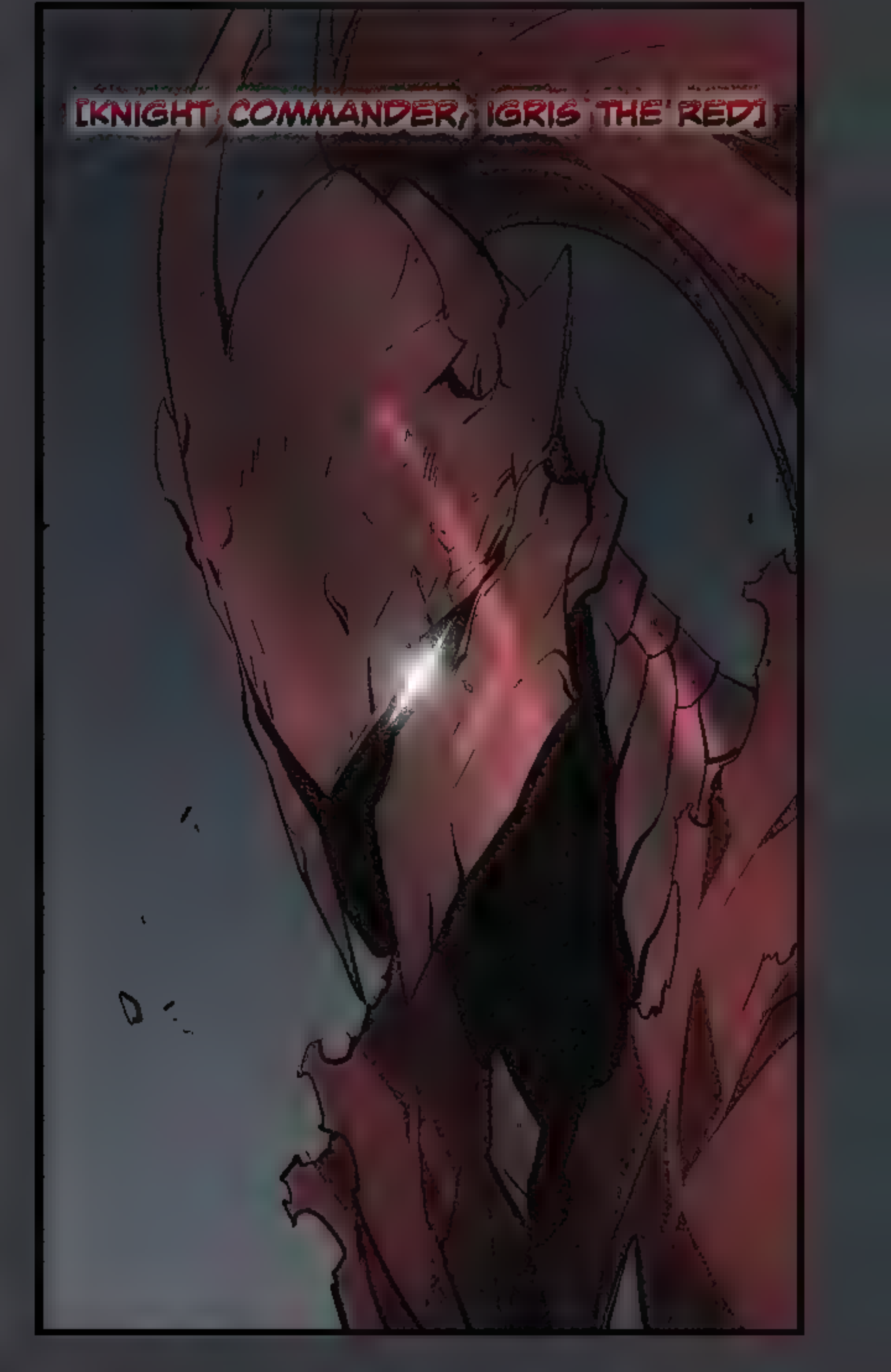
IF I THOUGHT THE  
HUMAN WASN'T GOOD  
ENOUGH, I WAS  
GOING TO KILL HIM.






ALL RIGHT.  
I SHALL TEST  
YOU...

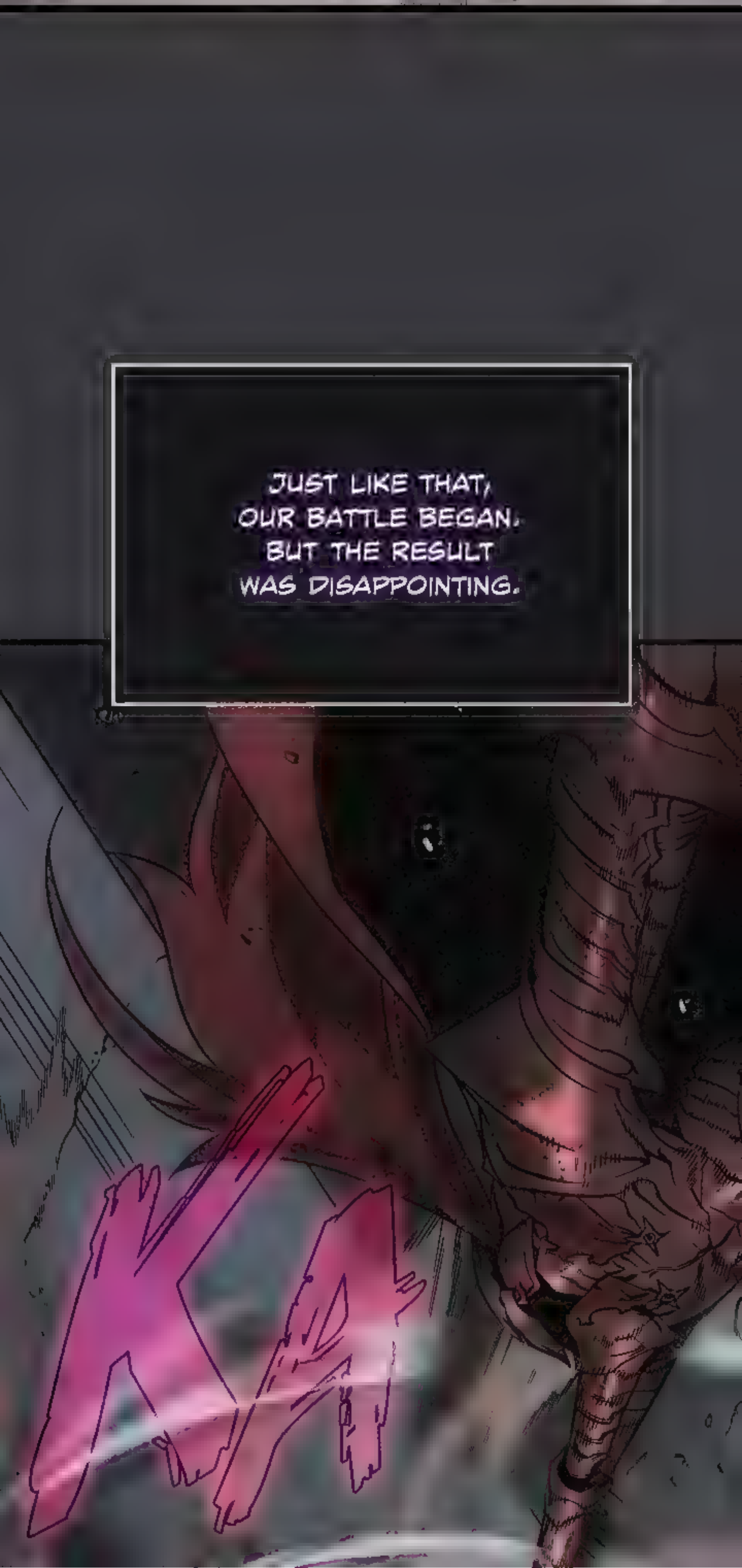
[KNIGHT COMMANDER, IGRIS THE RED]








...TO SEE WHETHER YOU  
ARE WORTHY OF SITTING  
ON THIS THRONE.



JUST LIKE THAT,  
OUR BATTLE BEGAN.  
BUT THE RESULT  
WAS DISAPPOINTING.





THE HUMAN DIDN'T  
POSSESS THE TALENT OR  
SKILLS TO OVERPOWER  
THE WEAKER VERSION OF  
MYSELF FROM THE PAST.

HE WAS BUSY, BARELY  
DODGING MY SWORD.



BUT...

I WON'T BE  
ABLE TO INFLICT ANY  
DAMAGE UNLESS  
I GET PAST THAT  
ARMOR.

THIS IS MY  
ONLY CHOICE!

IS HE PLANNING  
TO DEFEAT ME WITH  
HIS BARE FISTS?

I ADMIT THAT  
HE IS BRAVE FOR  
A HUMAN.

KTUNK



I DO LIKE THE  
DETERMINATION IN HIS EYES,  
BUT DOES HE HAVE THE  
SKILLS TO GO WITH IT?

**CLANG**




YOU MAY NOT HAVE  
A BODY WORTHY OF  
MY KING, BUT I THINK  
HIGHLY OF YOUR  
DETERMINATION!

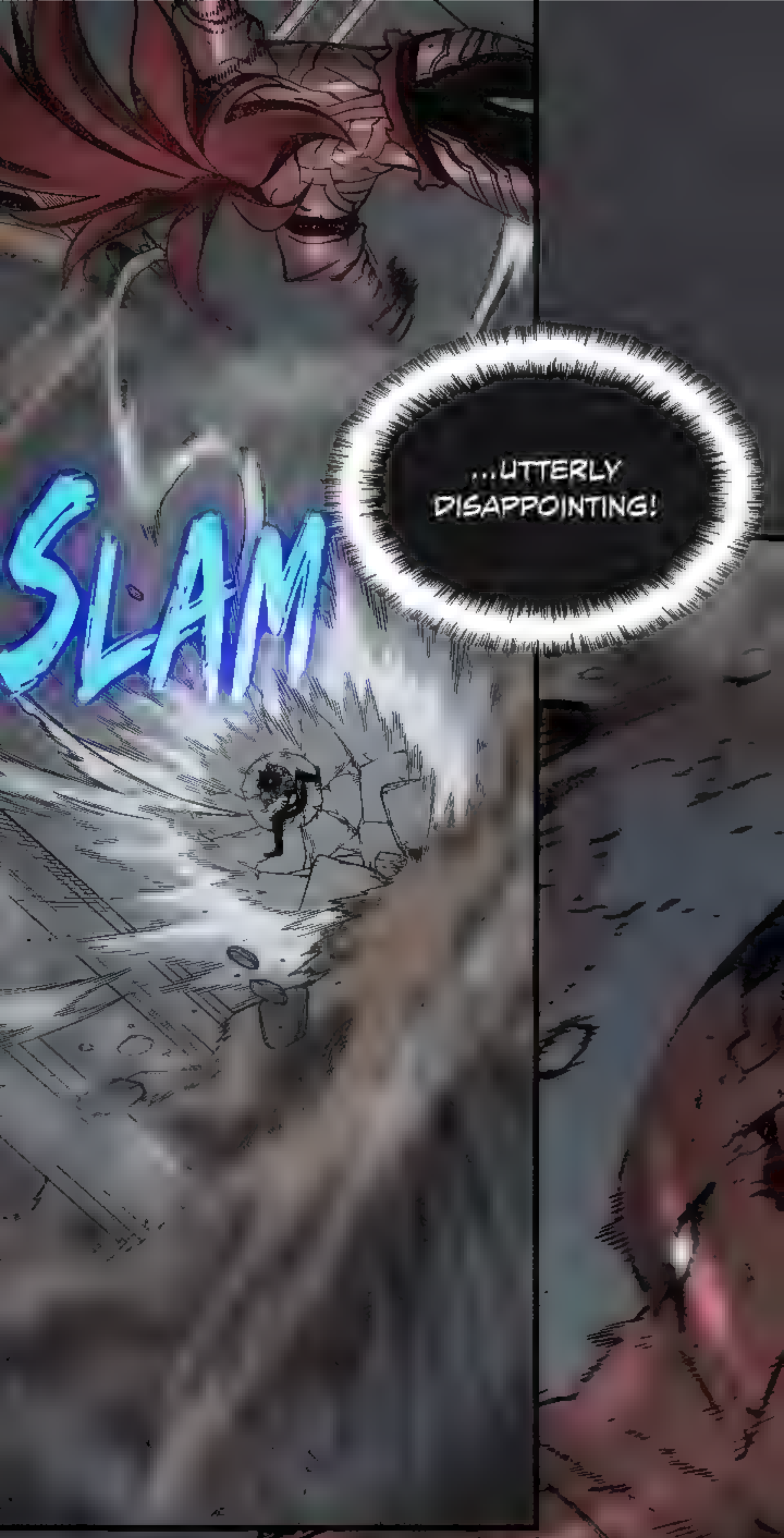
**PASH**



THIS IS...







...UTTERLY  
DISAPPOINTING!



HOW COULD  
SOMEONE SO WEAK  
BE WORTHY OF  
BEING MY KING'S  
VESSEL?!



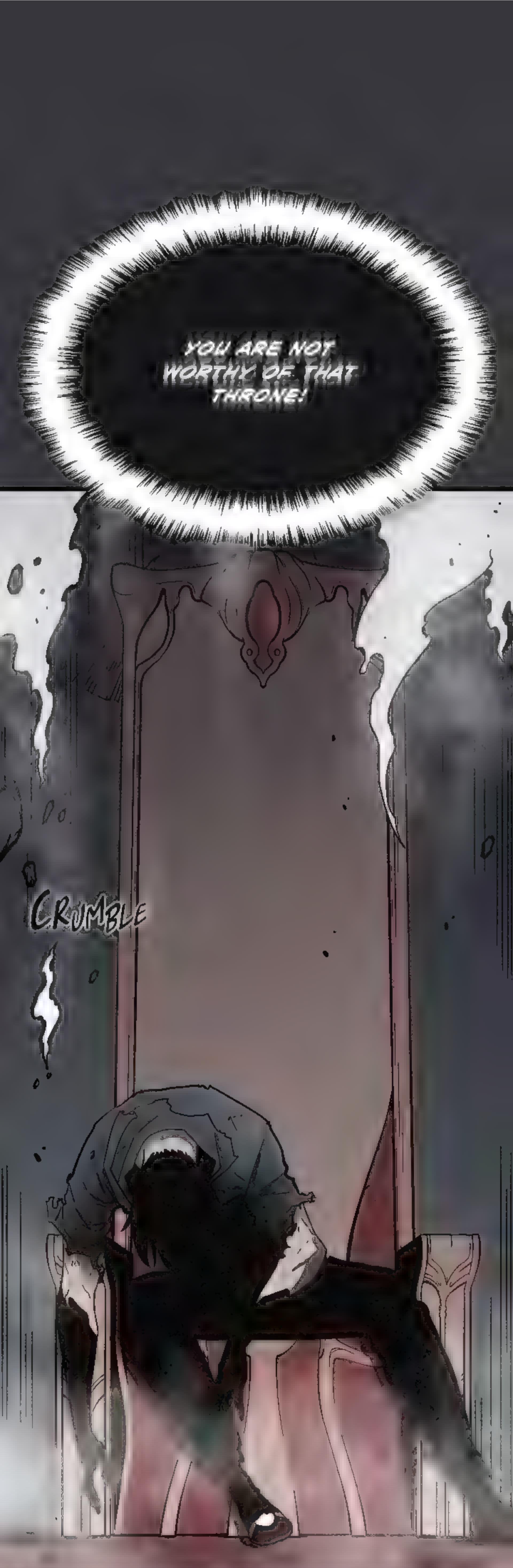
GIVE UP,

YOU WEAK HUMAN!










YOU ARE NOT  
WORTHY OF THAT  
THRONE!


CRUMBLE



NOW, I SHALL  
GRANT YOU AN  
HONORABLE DEATH  
THROUGH BEHEADING.

SWISH



A red-armored figure, possibly a knight or warrior, is shown from the waist up. The armor is a deep red color with black joints and details. The figure is holding a sword with a silver blade and a dark hilt. The background is a dark, moody sky with some architectural elements visible at the top.

FOR THE FIRST  
AND LAST TIME, I FELT  
RELIEVED THAT MY KING  
HAD FAILED.

**GRAB**

IF THE HUMAN WASN'T  
WORTHY OF INHERITING  
HIS POWER, IT MEANT MY  
KING WOULD BE ABLE TO  
REMAIN A MONARCH  
A LITTLE LONGER.

I SHALL BEHEAD  
YOU IN AN INSTANT  
AND GIVE YOU A  
PAINLESS DEATH!





BUT THEN,  
I WAS STARTLED  
BY THE FOLLOWING  
TURN OF EVENTS.



IT WASN'T THE  
FACT THAT HE HAD  
BLOCKED MY SWORD.

I WAS MORE  
SURPRISED BY THE WAY  
HE REFUSED TO GIVE UP  
TILL THE END, DESPITE  
THE SITUATION HE WAS IN.







NOT YET!

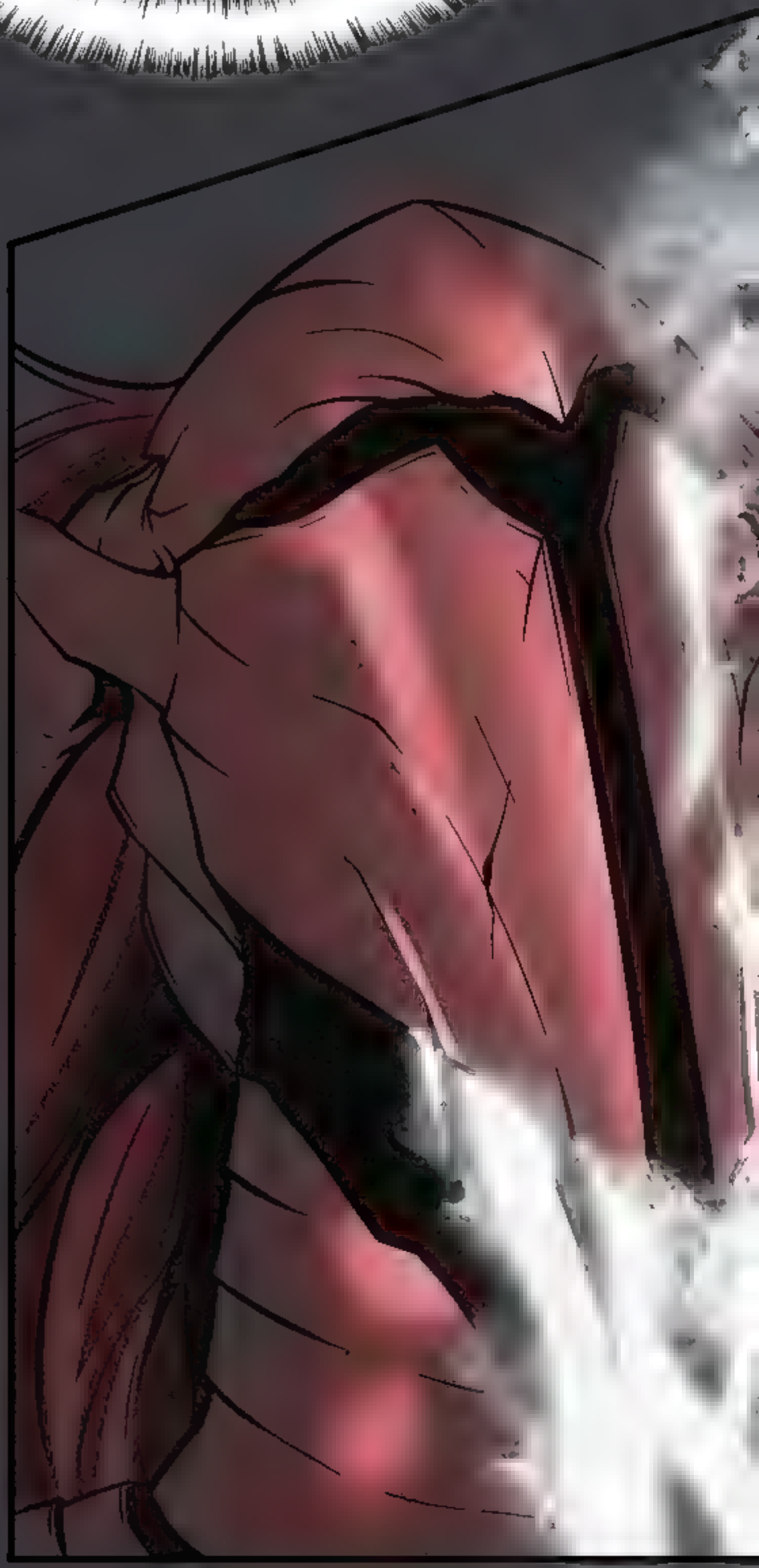
I HAVEN'T  
LOST YET!!

STAB

AM I REALLY  
GOING TO LOSE LIKE  
THIS? TO A HUMAN  
WHO IS WEAKER THAN



ME, AT THAT?



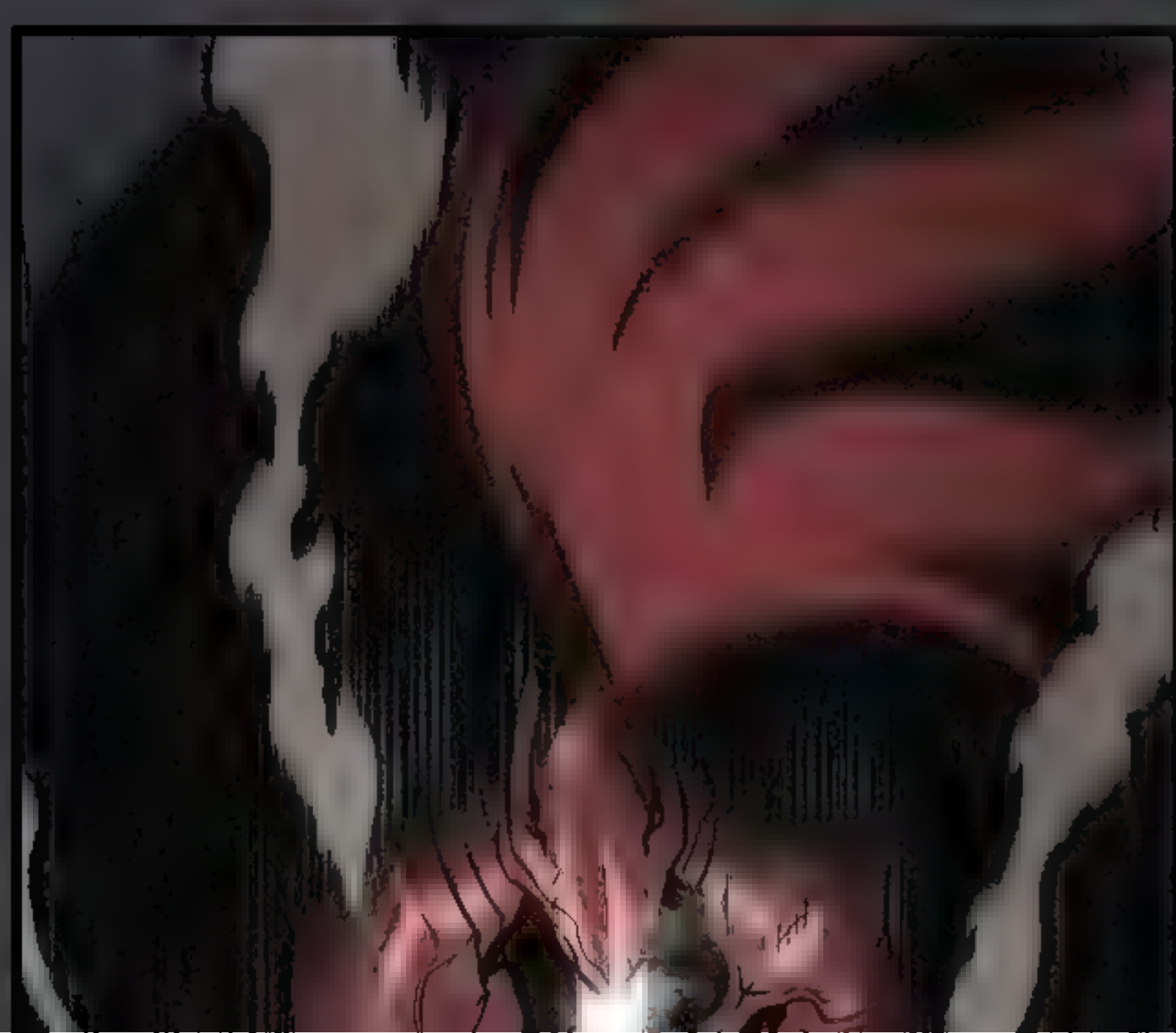
AH, I SEE...

PERHAPS  
HIS EYES...



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...RESEMBLE MY KING'S  
JUST A LITTLE BIT.







# THUD

I WAS SUPPOSED  
TO TEST HIS POWER  
AGAINST MY OWN...

...AND SEE IF HE WAS  
WORTHY. THEREFORE, I  
WAS DEFINITELY A FEW  
LEVELS ABOVE HIM IN  
TERMS OF SKILL...

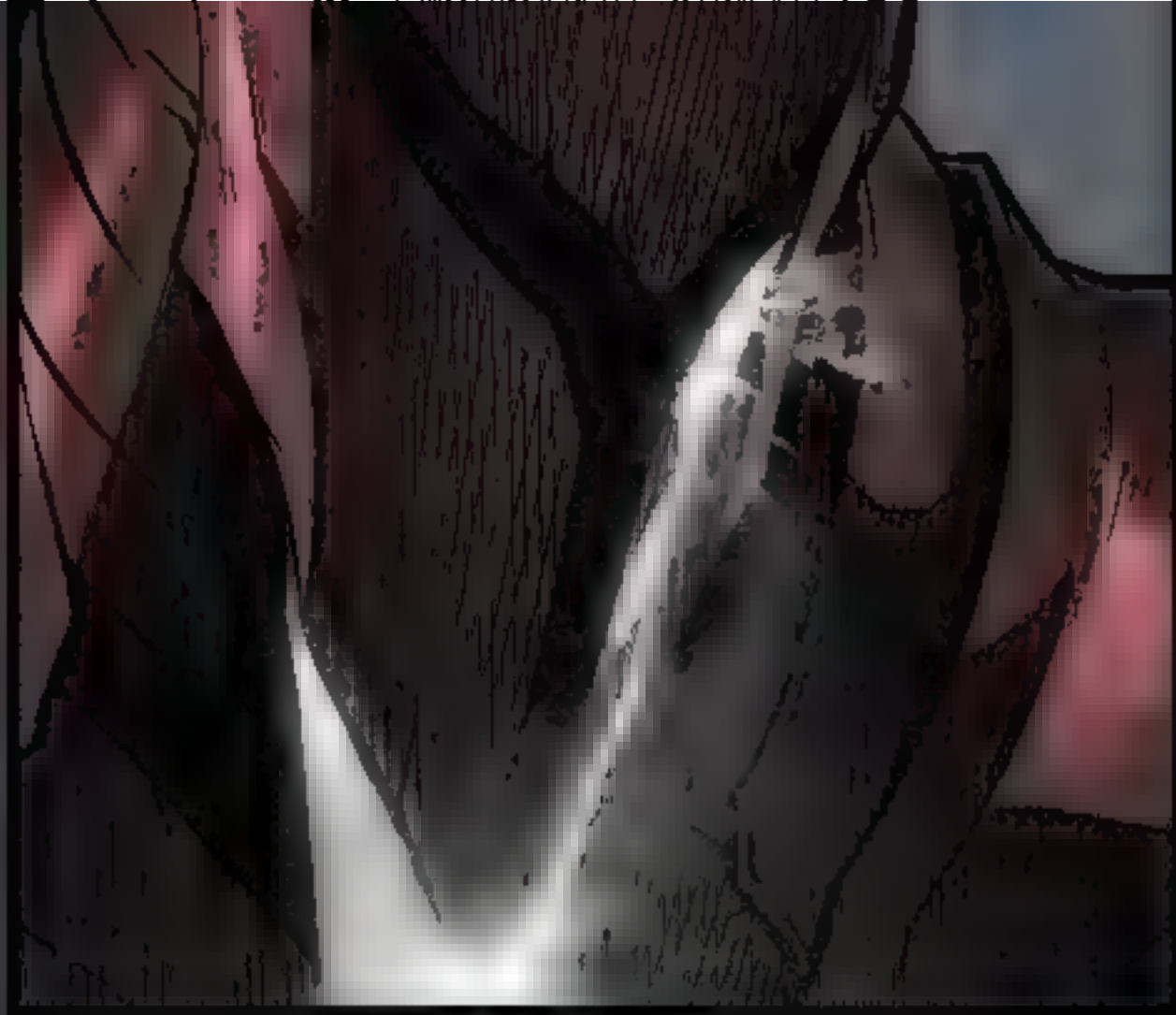


...YET I WAS STILL  
DEFEATED.

WAS IT BECAUSE  
I LET MY GUARD  
DOWN?

OR WAS THIS A MIRACLE  
THAT RESULTED FROM  
THE HUMAN'S UNWAVERING  
DETERMINATION?





I DIDN'T KNOW  
WHETHER I SHOULD  
FEEL HAPPY THAT MY  
KING HAD MADE THE  
RIGHT CHOICE.



AFTER THE HUMAN  
DEFEATED ME, I BECAME  
HIS SERVANT...



GOOD WORK.

...AND HE WAS  
GOOD TO ME.

IN FACT, THERE WERE  
OFTEN TIMES WHEN I  
WAS THANKFUL FOR HIS  
KINDNESS.





WE SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO TALK ONCE  
YOU LEVEL UP,  
RIGHT?

HE WAS MY MASTER,  
FRIEND, AND COLLEAGUE.

THE TWO OF  
US FOUGHT MANY  
BATTLES TOGETHER.

AS MY LOYALTY  
TO HIM GREW  
DEEPER,

I MISSED  
MY OLD MASTER  
LESS. ALTHOUGH I  
WAS AWARE OF THIS,






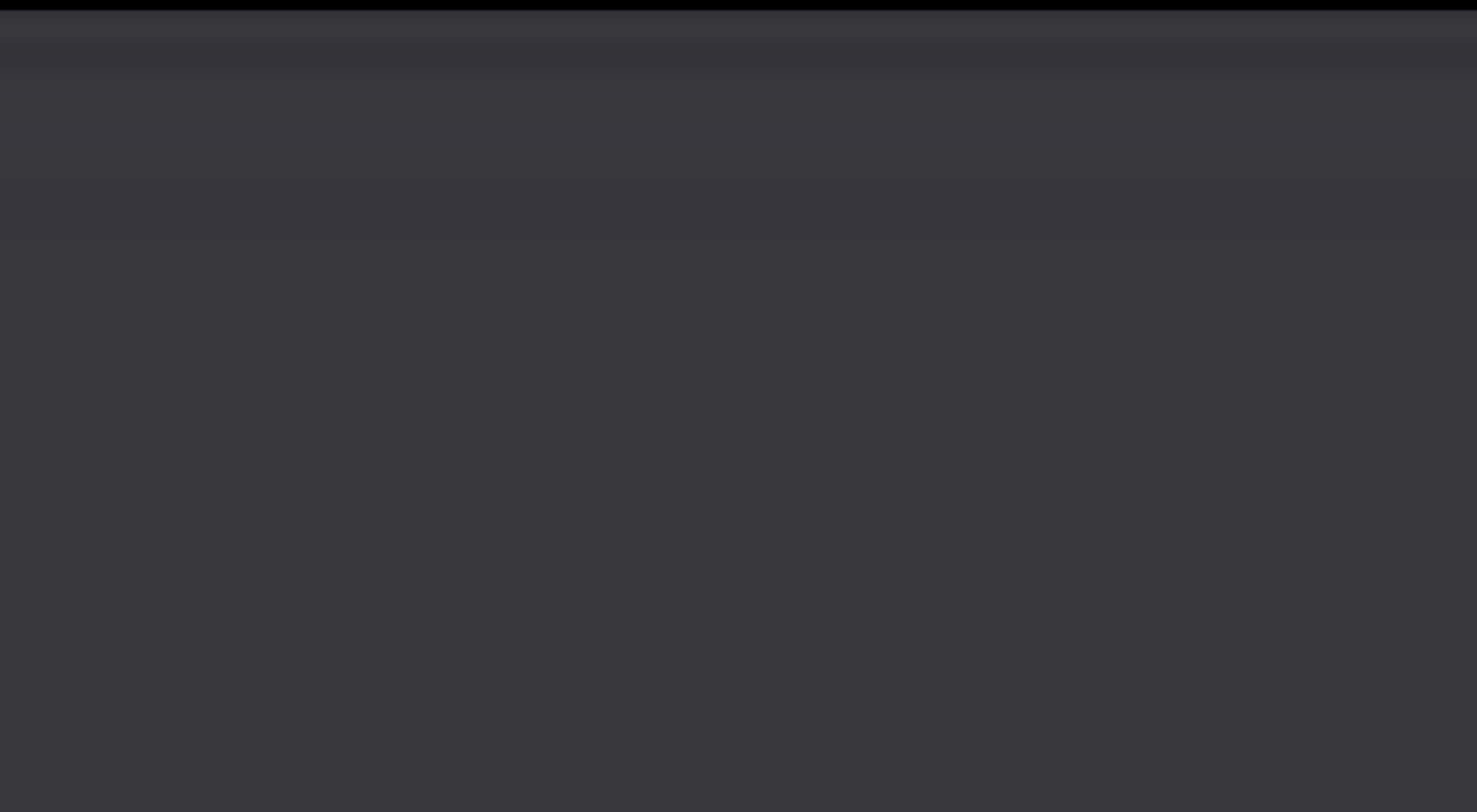
I SLOWLY ACCEPTED  
MY NEW KING.

AFTERWARD, THE ORIGINAL  
ARMY OF SHADOWS THAT WAS  
WAITING TO BE CALLED IN THE  
DIMENSIONAL RIFT JOINED US,  
AND MY KING'S POWER GREW  
EVEN STRONGER.

AMONG THE  
SOLDIERS WAS MY  
OLD BROTHER-IN-ARMS,  
BELLION.









BUT THE JOY  
OF OUR REUNION  
DIDN'T LAST  
LONG.

EVENTUALLY, EVEN  
BELLION WAS ALSO  
INFLUENCED BY HIS  
LOYAL BUT BRITISH  
ROOMMATE.

HEY, LOOK AT THIS  
BLACK FLAG...

DON'T YOU THINK OUR  
KING WOULD LIKE IT IF  
WE PUT IT UP AT THE  
TOP OF THE CASTLE?

...ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?



WHEN BELLION BEAT  
UP BERU, I HONESTLY  
RELISHED HIS DEFEAT  
A BIT. BUT...

HEHEHEHE,  
IS THAT FLAG FOR  
OUR KING?

AND, WELL,  
THIS WAS MY  
NEW MASTER'S  
REACTION...


GET OVER  
HERE, BERU.

*Swoosh*

MY KING!!

PUT YOUR  
HEAD IN THE  
GROUND.





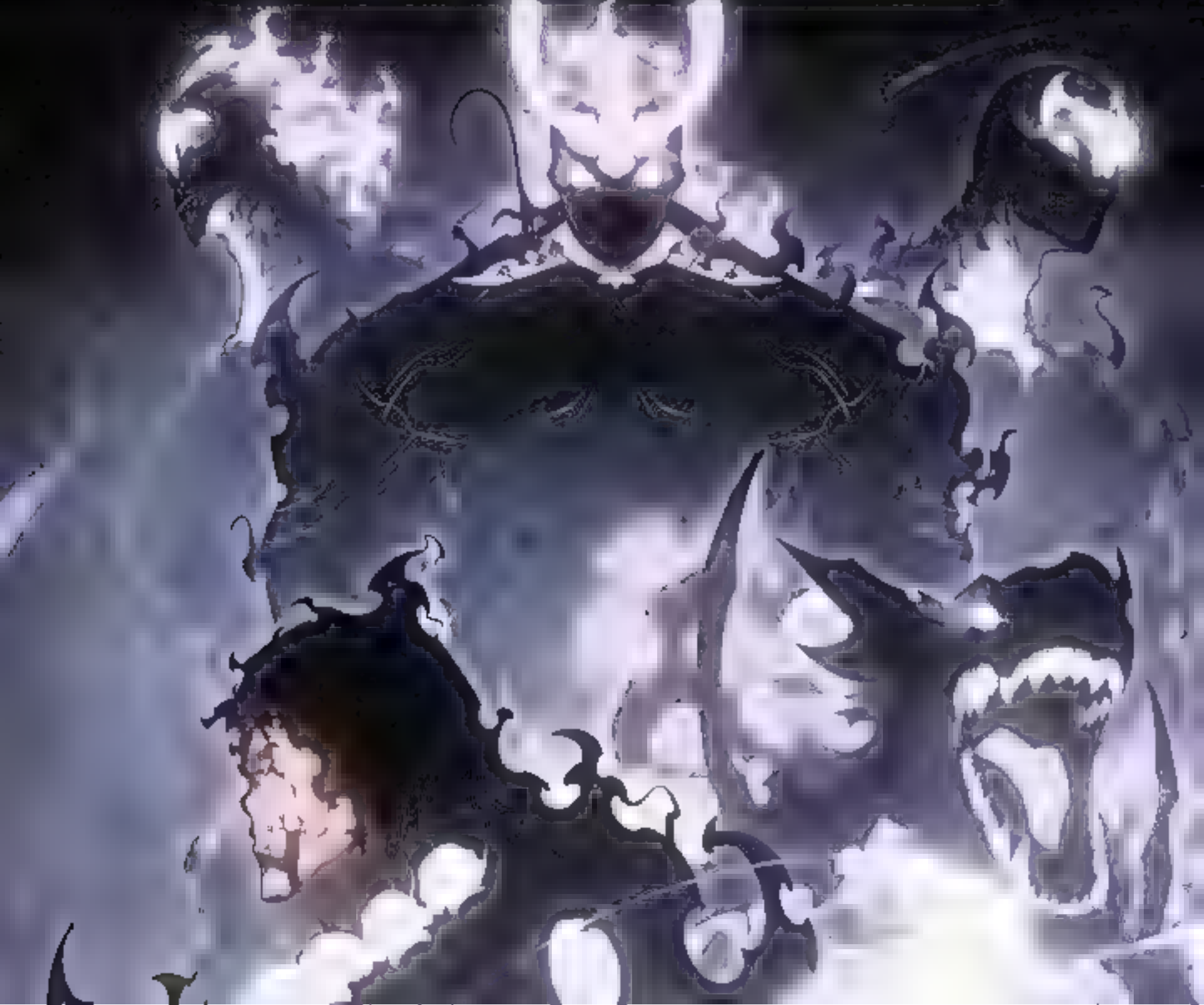
AND WHY THE  
HELL DID YOU PUT  
UP THAT FLAG?




**WHAM**

OH...  
SO THAT WAS  
YOUR IDEA, HUH?

SOON, WE USED OUR  
DETERMINATION TO FIGHT  
OUR WAR AGAINST THE  
MONARCHS.







OUR MASTER  
BECAME BETTER AT  
WARFARE, AND WE BECAME  
STRONGER AS WELL.





EVEN AFTER  
<THE CUP OF REINCARNATION>  
WAS USED TO TURN BACK TIME,  
THE WAR CONTINUED.


ARISE.

WE FOUGHT FOR  
30 YEARS...

...AND DESTROYED OUR  
ENEMIES. EVENTUALLY,  
ONLY THE ARMY OF  
DESTRUCTION WAS LEFT.







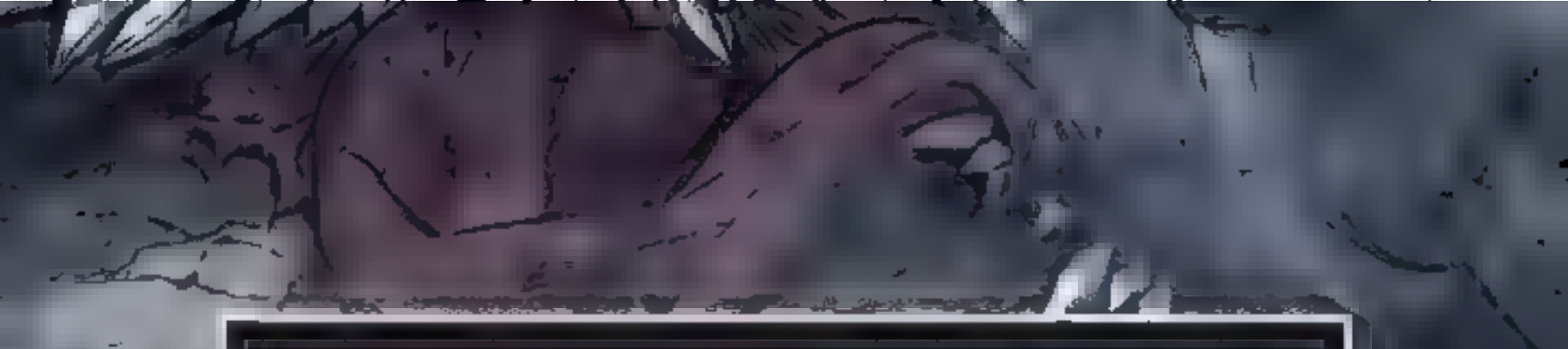
IGRIS! YOU USED TO  
BE ONE OF THE TWO  
WINGS OF THE ARMY  
OF SHADOWS!

ARE YOU NOT  
ASHAMED THAT YOU  
ARE FOLLOWING THE  
ORDERS OF A MONARCH  
WHO USED TO BE A  
MERE HUMAN?!

INDEED.

I HAD  
FORGOTTEN.





I FELT SO HONORED  
TO BE WITH MY NEW  
KING THAT I HADN'T  
THOUGHT ABOUT MY  
PREVIOUS KING AT ALL.

I DON'T KNOW WHEN  
IT HAPPENED.



BUT AT SOME POINT,  
MY PREVIOUS KING HAD  
COMPLETELY VANISHED  
FROM MY THOUGHTS.



MY LIEGE.

WHY...  
DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM  
THE TRUTH?





THEY SAY  
OBLIVION IS A BLESSING  
FROM GOD...

...EVEN IF  
HIS MEMORY LOSS WAS  
THE RESULT OF USING  
"GOD'S TOOL."

IS THAT SO?





THE BLESSING  
OF OBLIVION...

THAT'S RIGHT.  
I DON'T HAVE TO  
THINK TOO HARD  
ABOUT THIS.

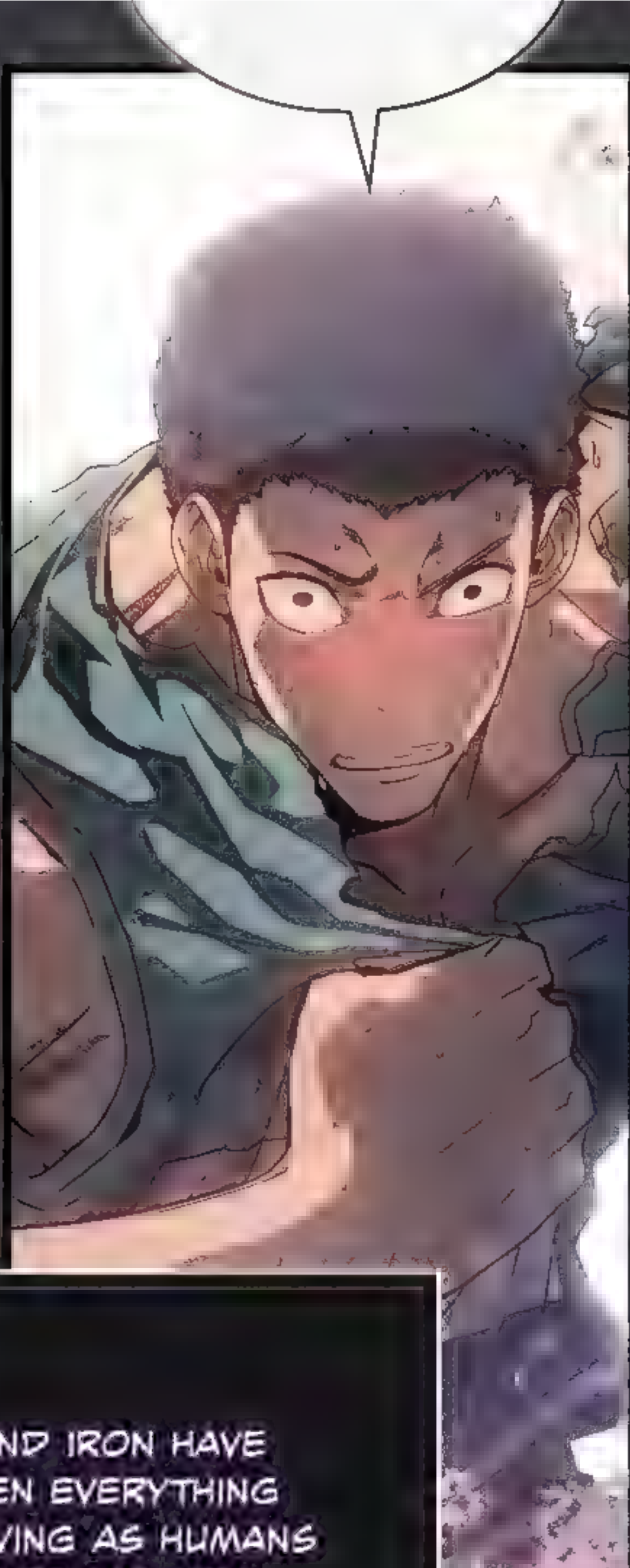
IT REALLY  
IS YOU...

AFTER ALL,  
THIS DOES NOT  
MEAN THAT I HAVE  
FORGOTTEN MY  
FORMER KING.

COULD THIS  
FEELING...

...BE LOVE?





GREED AND IRON HAVE  
FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING  
AND ARE LIVING AS HUMANS  
IN THIS WORLD'S NEW  
TIMELINE...

...BUT I AM  
STILL BY MY  
KING'S SIDE.

UMM...

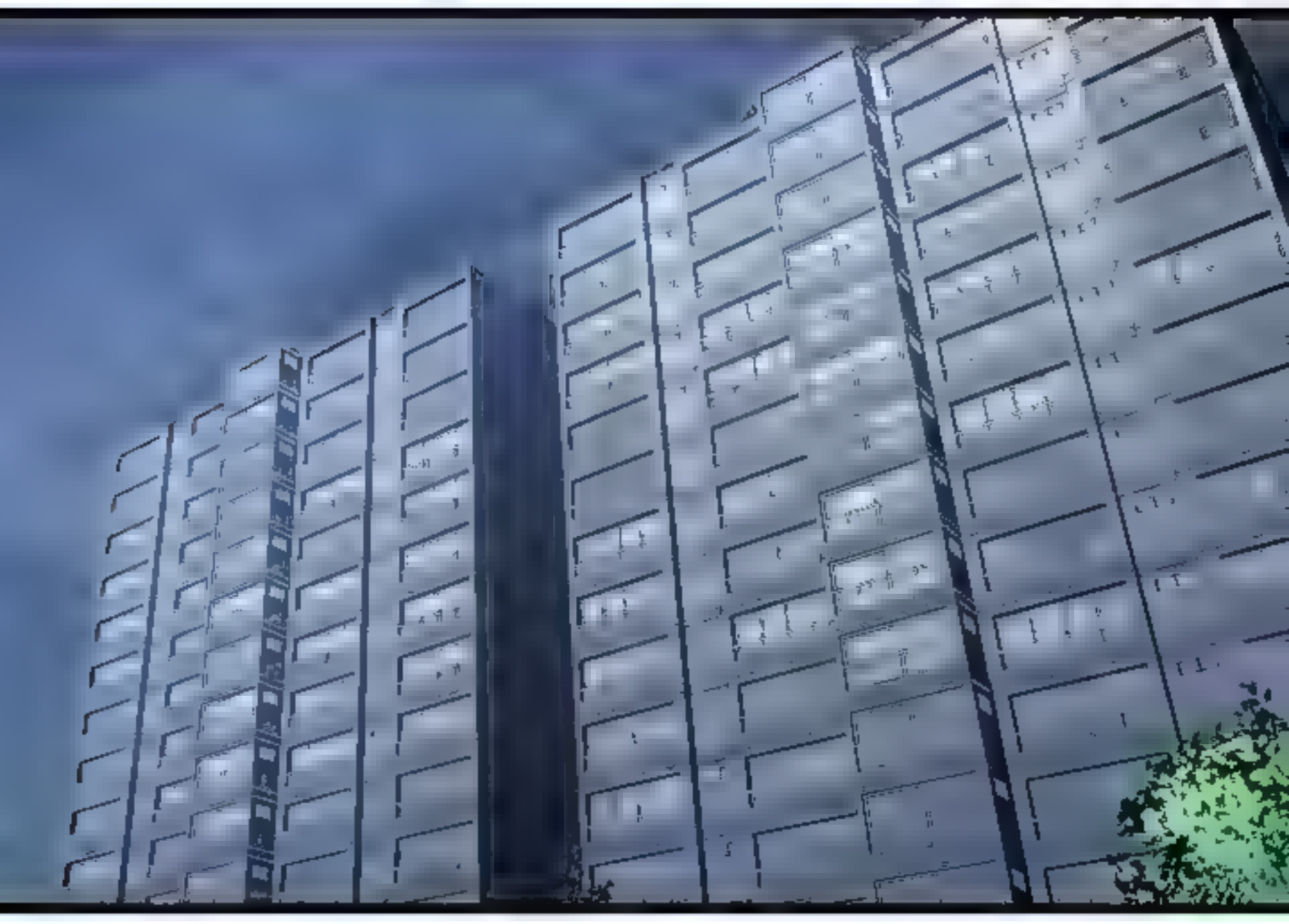
HAVEN'T WE  
MET SOMEWHERE  
BEFORE?



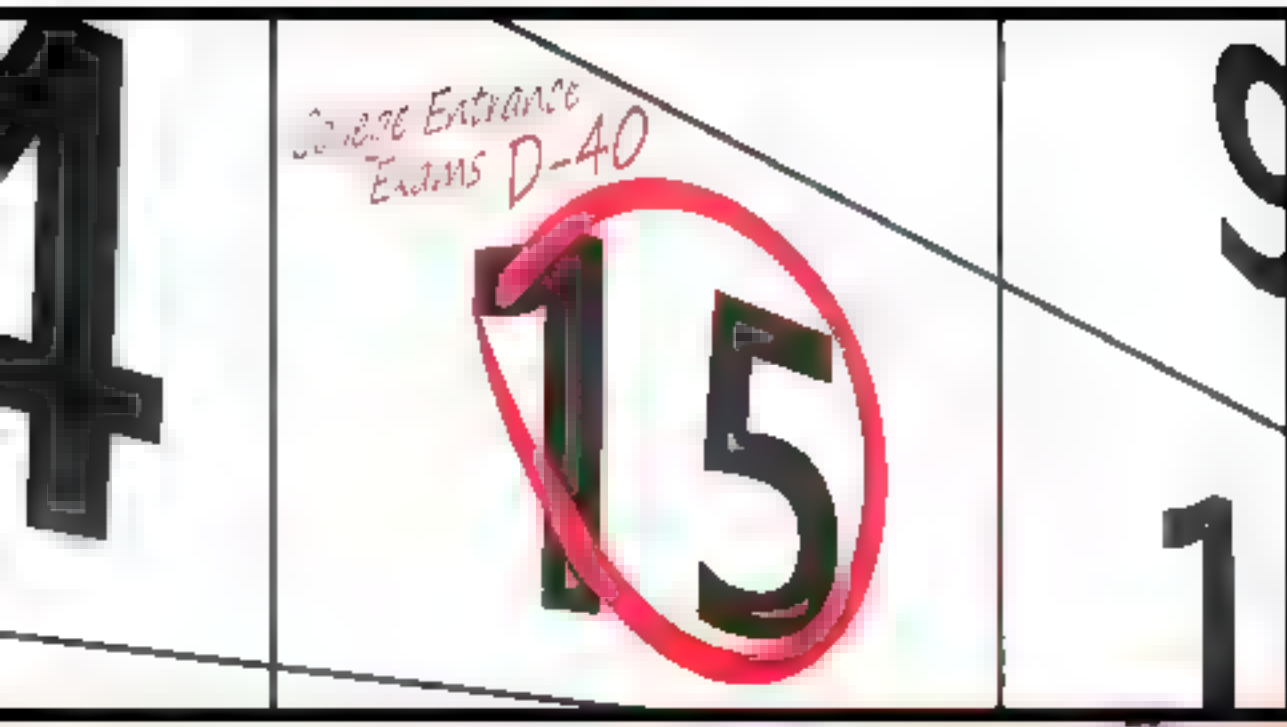
IT'S JUST THAT  
MY FEELINGS FOR  
HIM HAVE BEEN  
TRANSFERRED TO MY  
CURRENT KING.



I AM A KNIGHT  
AND MY MASTER'S  
SWORD.



I AM ONE OF  
THE TWO WINGS THAT  
LEAD THE ARMY OF  
SHADOWS.




THE FIRST ANSWER  
IS THE CORRECT ONE  
FOR PROBLEM 14, NOT  
THE SECOND ANSWER.



OH, REALLY?  
THANKS.





WHO ELSE WOULD  
BE ABLE TO ASSIST  
MY KING?

GRAND MARSHAL  
BELLION, WHOSE  
ONLY ADVANTAGE IS  
HIS MOUNTAINOUS  
BODY?

OR MARSHAL  
BERU, WHO MAY BE  
SMART BUT IS AN  
INSECT AT THE END  
OF THE DAY?



I GRADUATED FROM  
THE KNIGHTS' ACADEMY WITH  
EXCELLENT GRADES, SO I  
SHOULD BE THE ONE TO  
ASSIST MY KING...

BUT IT SAYS  
HERE THAT THE  
CORRECT ANSWER  
TO QUESTION 14  
IS... THE FIRST  
ANSWER.

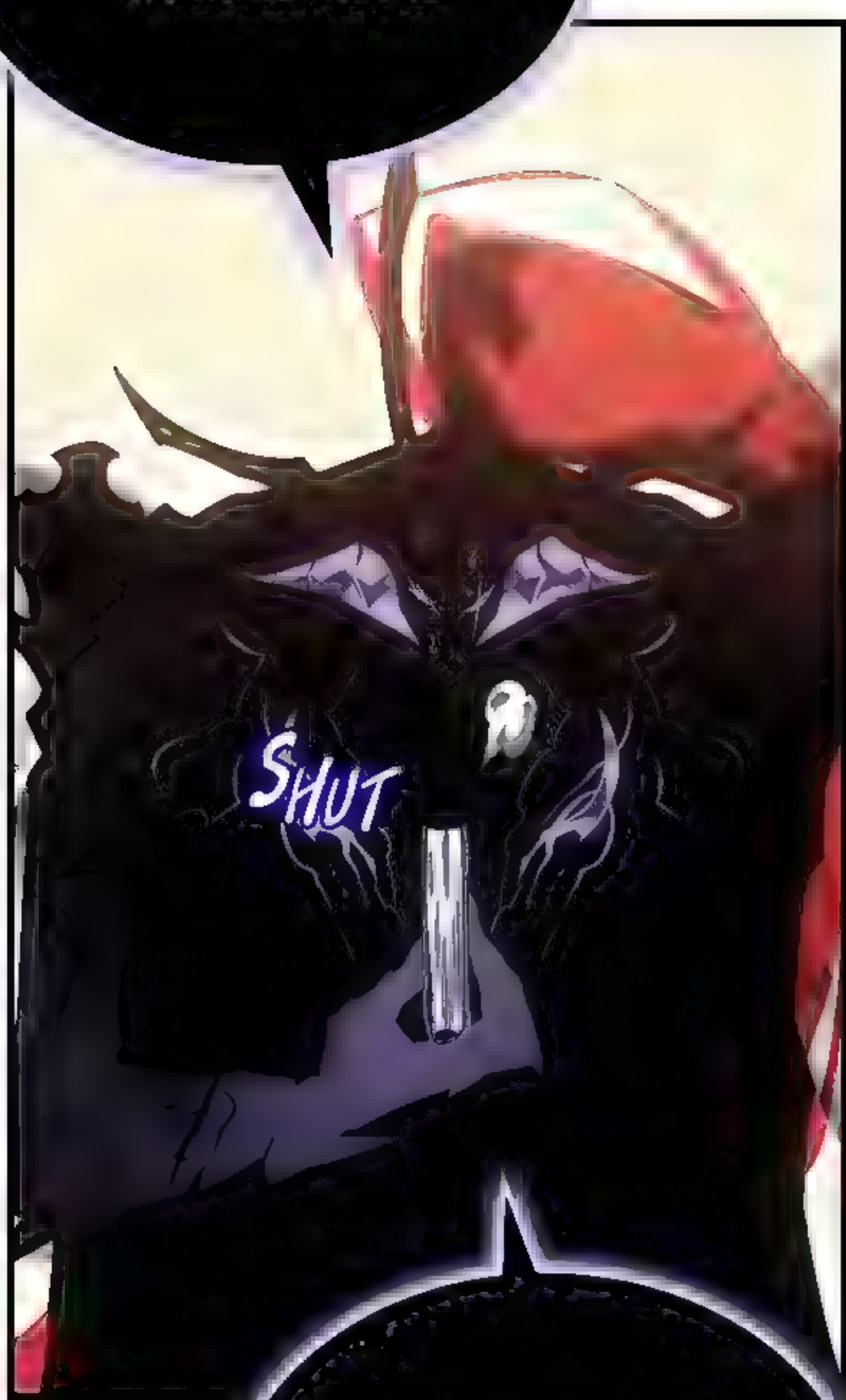
CAN YOU BET  
YOUR LIFE ON  
THE SECOND  
ANSWER BEING  
CORRECT?

...





I SUPPOSE I  
STILL HAVE SOME  
TRAINING TO DO.



I SHALL WORK  
HARDER TO SERVE YOU  
BETTER, MY LIEGE.



I AM MY KING'S  
KNIGHT...

...AS WELL AS  
HIS SWORD.

MY KING'S  
BATTLEFIELD IS  
MY BATTLEFIELD.



AND BECAUSE HE HAS  
STEPPED FOOT INTO  
A NEW BATTLEFIELD,  
IT SEEMS MY GLORY  
DAYS WILL CONTINUE  
FOR THE TIME BEING.



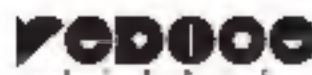




To Be Continued...

# Solo Leveling





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